

Victory Day parade AT GALLE FACE

A view of the Sea of Galle Face

Sri Lanka Air Force planes doing a fly pass

Parachutists in action

Special Forces Rider Squad



President Mahinda Rajapaksa with Commander of Defence Staff Air Marshal Roshan Goonetilleke, Army Commander Lt. Gen. Jagath Jayasuriya, Navy Commander Vice Admiral Somathilake Dissanayake, Air Force Commander Air Marshal Harsha Abeywickrama and IGP N. K. Illangakoon stand to attention during the National Anthem at the Victory Day parade in Colombo on Saturday. AFP

The Nation commemorated the third anniversary of totally vanquishing terrorism from the country, at a solemn ceremony held at Galle Face Green on Saturday under the patronage of President Mahinda Rajapaksa. President Rajapaksa who is also Commander in Chief received the Guard of Honour by service personnel representing the Tri Forces, Police and the Civil Defence Force upon his arrival. A 21 gun salute was also accorded to the President on this occasion.

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President Mahinda Rajapaksa being welcomed by Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa at Saturday's Victory Day Parade.



First Lady Shiranthy Rajapaksa, Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa, MP Namal Rajapaksa and other dignitaries at the parade.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa unfurling the National Flag



A section of the religious dignitaries.



Army personnel in the march past.



Navy personnel in the march past



The families of 15 Security Forces personnel who made the supreme sacrifice in the defence of the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity received highest honorary medal in the three Armed Forces, *Parama Veera Vibushana* from the President on this occasion. Here, a mother of a fallen war hero receiving the *Parama Veera Vibushana* medal from President Mahinda Rajapaksa.



Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, Defence Ministry Seva Vanitha Unit Chairperson Ayoma Rajapaksa.

Chief Justice Dr. Shirani Bandaranayake arriving for the Victory Day Parade.



Air Force women in the march past



Foreign delegates at the Victory Day Parade.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa paid tribute to War Heroes at the War Memorial at Jayawardhanapura, Kotte on Saturday evening. Here, the President greeting those present on the occasion.



Police women at the parade.



School children at the Victory Day parade.



Civil Defence Force personnel in the march past



Disabled Army personnel at the parade.