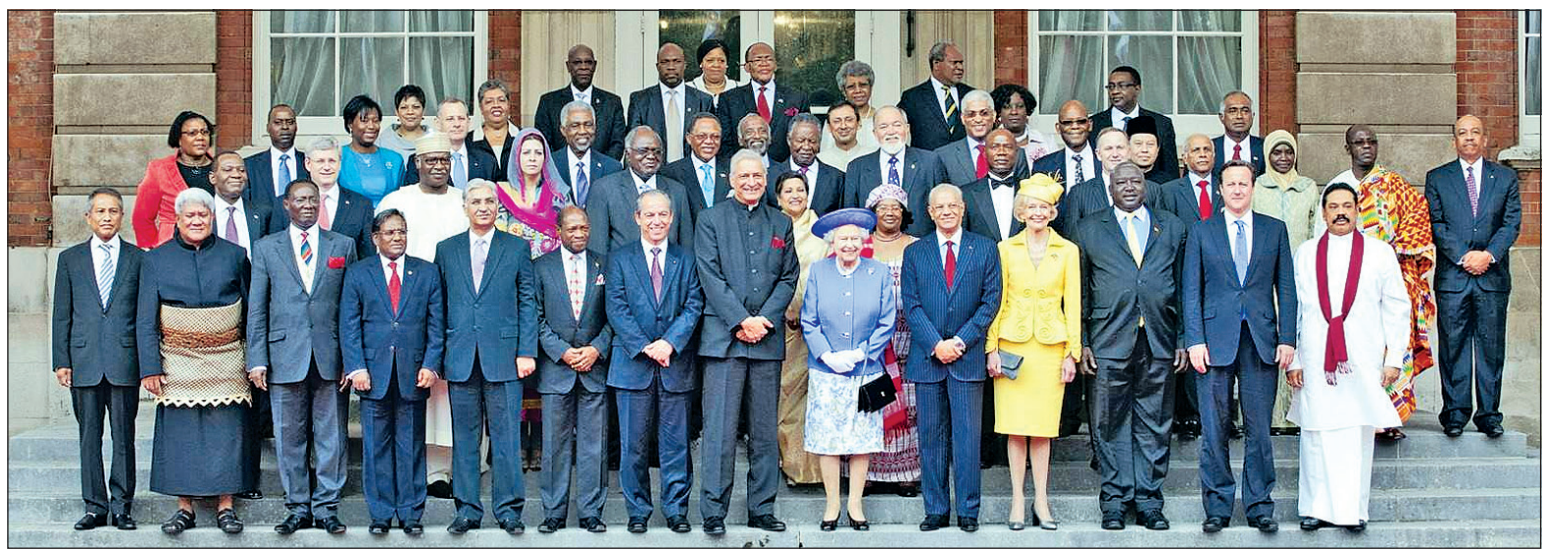


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President Mahinda Rajapaksa being welcomed by Queen Elizabeth II when he attended the luncheon hosted by Commonwealth Secretary General Kamalesh Sharma in honour of the Queen at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa and Commonwealth Secretary General Kamalesh Sharma are also in the picture. *Picture courtesy AFP*



President Mahinda Rajapaksa with Queen Elizabeth II and other state leaders

President in London for Diamond Jubilee

President Mahinda Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa were in London to attend the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Queen Elizabeth II. External Affairs Minister Prof G L Peiris, MP Sajin de Vass Gunawardena, Secre-

tary to the President Lalith Weeratunga and Sri Lankan High Commissioner to the UK Dr. Chris Nonis also participated. Here are some snapshots of the visit.

Pictures by Sudath Silva.



Commonwealth Secretary General Kamalesh Sharma greeting the President



President Mahinda Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa being welcomed at the Heathrow Airport.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa being welcomed by the staff of the Sri Lankan High Commission in the United Kingdom led by High Commissioner Dr. Chris Nonis



The President meeting Maldivian President Dr Mohamed Waheed



The President greeting a British Parliamentarian



The President meeting Sri Lankans in London



The President with British Parliamentarians. External Affairs Minister Prof G L Peiris is also in the picture