President's state visit to Kazakhstan



President Mahinda Rajapaksa, Kazakh President and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa lighting the traditional oil lamp to inaugurate the cultural show

President Mahinda Rajapaksa visited Kazakhstan on a three-day state visit on an invitation extended by his Kazakh counterpart President Nursultan Nazarbayev. The President, First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa and the rest of the delegation also attended a cultural show organized to mark 20 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries. External Affairs Minister Prof G L Peiris, Uva Province Chief Minister Sashindra Rajapaksa, Sajin de Vass Gunawardena MP and Secretary to the President Lalith Weeratunga accompanied the President.

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President Mahinda Rajapaksa and Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev arriving for the cultural show



President Mahinda Rajapaksa being greeted by President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev on arrival to attend a cultural show organized to mark 20 years of diplomatic President Mahinda Rajapaksa introducing First Lady Shiranthi Rajarelations between the two countries.



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The President's son, Yoshitha Rajapaksa being introduced to the President of Kazakhstan



A variety of Lankan cultural dances had the audience spellbound



A Sri Lankan cultural item added more splendour to the show



Kandyan dancers performing



The President and his Kazakh counterpart applaud at the cultural show



President Mahinda Rajapaksa meeting the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Serik Akhmetov



President Mahinda Rajapaksa, First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa and President of Kazakhstan



A performance by dancers from Kazakhstan



meeting President Mahinda Rajapaksa



The guard of honour

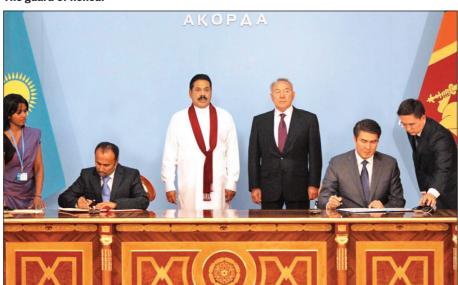


President Mahinda Rajapaksa visiting the Beterec memorial in the Centre of Astana city on an inspection tour on the final day of his visit.



The two Presidents watching the military parade

Weerathunga are also in the picture



Uva Province Chief Minister Sashindra Rajapaksa being introduced to the President of Kazakhstan. External Affairs Minis- A Memorandum of Understanding on bilateral trade promotion was signed between the two ter Prof. G L Peiris and Secretary to the President Lalith countries. The MoU is also aimed at promoting commercial, industrial and service sectors

President Mahinda Rajapaksa posing for a photograph with Lankan and Kazakh business between the two countries



President Mahinda Rajapaksa inspecting a military guard of honour accorded to him at the

