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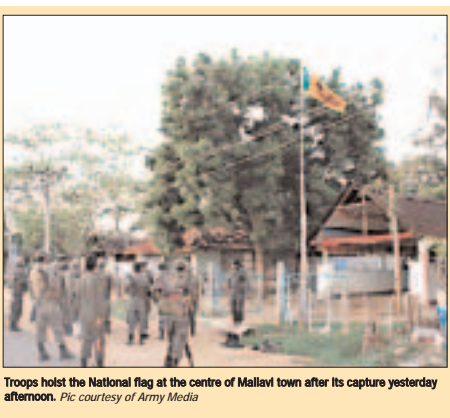
Teacher unions tell SC they will apply for paper marking

by Chitra Weeraratne
The Chief Justice Sarath N. Silva, yesterday advised the teacher trade unions to uphold the interests of students. Consequently the Supreme Court would oblige them by finding a reasonable solution to their salary anomaly problem, they were told.
The Court gave the teacher associations one week's time to discuss their diffi-

culties with Lalith Weeraratunga, the Secretary to the President and the Secretary to the Ministry of Education.
The teachers are to come to Court next Monday and inform Court through the Secretary of Education of what transpired at the discussions. The teacher unions were told to apply for marking of AL/OL papers through their respective principals.
The Commissioner General of

Examinations Anura Edirisiringe is to arrange for paper evaluation after 1.00 p.m. without interrupting school work.
In this case, a parent S. Bandara of Ratmalana had complained to Court of a likely delay in the marking of papers, due to a dispute between the teachers and the Ministry of Education. The representatives of the teacher unions told Court that they would oblige and apply for marking

and will not strike.
The Bench comprised the Chief Justice Sarath N. Silva, Justice Shirani Tilakawardene and Justice N. G. Amarantunga.
Senior State Counsel Mr. Bhari told Court that the Salaries and Cadres Commission had submitted the revised salary structure to the President. They were being considered, he said.



Troops hoist the National flag at the centre of Malleivi town after its capture yesterday afternoon. Pic: courtesy of Army Media

Birthplace of Prabhakaran's wife falls

58 Division within 14 km of Mankulam

by Harischandra Gunaratna
The army's 58 Division operating on the Vavuniya front yesterday dealt a massive blow to an already debilitated LTTE by capturing its stronghold Malleivi, which functioned as a commercial hub on the Mullaitivu District border, about ten kilometres south of Kilinochchi. "We have cleared over three-fourths of the township and consolidating power completely is only a matter of time," Military Spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara said last night.

The troops are now only 14 kilometres west of Mankulam bordering the A-9 highway, having moved about 23 km eastwards from Vellankulam, which they captured less than a month ago.
Malleivi, located about 3.5 km east of Tunukkai, which the army captured about ten days ago, is the birthplace of Prabhakaran's wife Madhavini. It used to be known as little Geneva due to the heavy presence of INGOs operating from there.
The LTTE fled after offering heavy resistance. The fleeing LTTE combatants damaged the government hospital and several other buildings.

The LTTE had turned the main corridor of the hospital into a bunker line.
When the 573 Brigade of the 57 Division entered the town, jubilant troops hoisted the national flag to celebrate their victory last evening.
The LTTE lost 40 combatants on Sunday in the Mannar, Vavuniya, Welioya and Jaffna fronts.
On the Mannar front, the LTTE has built a 12-foot-high earthen bund stretching over a distance of about 20 kilometres. The 57 Division of the army has captured a stretch of about four kilometres.
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PSC orders interdiction of NBC director, another

by Shamindra Ferdinando
Close on the heels of the National Blood Center, of the National Hospital coming under heavy flak for transfusing expired blood, to patients at the hospital, the Public Service Commission has directed the Health Ministry to interdict Mangalika Bindusara, Director of the National Blood Center and K. M. L. L. A. Nazeer also of the same facility.
Following the directive Health Secretary Dr. Atula Kahandalyanage

has interdicted the officials. Well informed sources said that the PSC directive has been made on a recommendation by Dr. Kahandalyanage. The sources said that several other hospitals in the provinces had also given expired blood to patients.
The latest case had been reported from Anuradhapura.
Initially, the Health Ministry had strongly defended the conduct of Dr.

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Noise pollution case

Court orders arrest and remanding of monk
by Chitra Weeraratne
The Supreme Court yesterday warranted the OIC of the Welikada Police Station in Rajagiriya to arrest and remand the Ven. Pannala Panguoloka Thera of the Welikadawatte Temple in Rajagiriya for not being present in Court, to answer notice.
The Environmental Foundation Limited had complained to Court that head priest of Welikadawatte Temple, Rajagiriya, had used unauthorized amplifiers and commuted the thumping of drums, emanating noise which was transmitted beyond his premises, before 6 a.m.
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More for Laugfs

by Janitha Seneviratne
Laugfs Gas increased the price of a 12.5 kg domestic cylinder by Rs. 189 with effect from midnight yesterday. The new price is Rs. 1857. Prices of Shell gas, too, had been increased by Rs 126 from midnight of August 31.
Some gas sales outlets were closed last week expecting the price hike.
Meanwhile, Trade and Consumer Services Minister Bandula Gunawardena yesterday told a press conference, at the Trade Ministry in Colombo, that gas prices in the local market would be reduced in November.
The recent price hike had been calculated in keeping with the prices in the world market during the months of June and July and the current prices in the world market had reduced, the minister said. The next price revision will be on November and then the prices would be calculated on the current world market prices, he said.

Police look for 'serpent' in SPC member's house

by Lalith Chaminda and S.K.Hettiarachchi
Two separate Police teams carried out thorough checks at the residence of UNP organiser and Southern Provincial Councillor Wijepala Hettiarachchi on Sunday night and in the early hours of yesterday.
Mr. Hettiarachchi told *The Island* that the policemen had told him that following information that a suspect by the name 'Sarpaya' (serpent) was hiding in his residence they had conducted the search. "They even searched under the beds. This is a political stunt at a time when the Southern Provincial Council elections are round the corner," he charged.
He said the presence of armed policemen at his residence had mental-

ly disturbed his wife and small daughter but such acts won't discourage him from engaging in politics, he said. "I can only say that this was a failed attempt," he said.
The councillor's home was subject to a search around 9.30 p.m. on Sunday by a team from Galle Police and again a team from Colombo searched it around 5.00 a.m. yesterday. He said he would lodge a complaint against these searches with the Galle SSP Keerthi Silva.
Following inquiries made by *The Island* a spokesman for the Galle Crime Bureau said following information that a suspect known as 'Sarpaya' was hiding in the home of Hettiarachchi, Police conducted the search.

MURALI to go landmine hunting

A team of scientists of the Moratuwa University led by Dr. Trishantha Nanayakkara has invented a robot, which it has named 'MURALI', to detect landmines under a project funded by the National Science Foundation. The robot is more reliable than the existing landmine detection systems and is capable of leading a colony of landmine detecting robots, Nilusha Hemarisi representative of the NSF said yesterday (1).
The NSF funded the research programme on developing a low cost robot for de-mining. The research has demonstrated that the typical commercially available metal detectors were unsuccessful in differentiating between metal debris and landmines. This had resulted in several false detections, she said.
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Japan's PM quits

Japan's chronically unpopular prime minister suddenly announced his resignation after less than a year in office. Monday, throwing the world's second-largest economy into political confusion.
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Gustav slams US coastline

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Ramazan fast begins

Muslims begin fasting in the holy month of Ramazan today. Ithfar is at 6.15 p.m.

Ex SLAF chief as HC to Pakistan

The Government has named former Air Force Commander Air Vice Marshall Jayalath Weerakody as Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to Islamabad.
The Parliamentary Committee on High Posts had been informed of the government's decision.

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