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Govt. extends alliance with Mabej and Johnson and Access

By Shamindra Ferdinando

The government has extended its relationship with the British Company Mabej and Johnson and its local partner Access Group by involving them in another mega bridge building project. They will build 15 superstructures in the northern and eastern provinces.

According to a Cabinet decision on August 28 four will be built on the outer circle road of Trincomalee, four on the Seruwila-Somawathiya road and five on the Puttalam-Mannar road.

Well informed sources said that the deal would be the first between the government and the Mabej and Johnson-Access Group after the assassination of

Highways and Road Development Minister Jeyaraj Fernandopulle last April. Fernandopulle facilitated Mabej and Johnson's taking up a lucrative 50 million Sterling Pound (Rs 11.5 billion) bridge building project last November. The largest single project is funded under a cred-

it package from the British Government made available through its export Credit Guarantee Department.



Rajapaksa



Ekanayake

Ekanayake (non-Cabinet) yesterday told The Island that building bridges would be a priority and essential part of the

President Mahinda Rajapaksa, in his capacity as Highways and Road Development Minister had proposed to award the project to the British bridge building firm.

The Highways Ministry has set up a special section to han-

Development Minister Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, there had been a drastic change of plans.

The original plan was to utilise 50 million Sterling Pounds to put up a flyover at Kelaniya and build 222 bridges in all parts of the country. But the decision to increase the number of flyovers to seven, has forced the government to reduce the number of bridges from 222 to 54. Under the modified plan presented to Cabinet by Minister T. B. Ekanayake, the seven flyovers would be at Kelaniya (north), Kelaniya (south) both operational, Nugegoda, Panadura, Kohuwala, Dehiwela and Welikada junction at Rajagiriya.

The sources said that the Kelaniya flyover (four lanes) was completed under this project and preparatory work on the Nugegoda project was underway.

Before the opening of Kelaniya flyover (first stage) completed within 61 days, Fernandopulle paid a glowing tribute to Access Group chief Sumal Perera for the speedy construction.

...receives ADB loan for bridge building

The government has received an Asian Development Bank loan to build bridges under the tsunami reconstruction programme in the Eastern province in addition to funding by the United States, Spain, Saudi Arabia and Japan.

Highways and Road Development Ministry spokesperson Shirantha Premawardane told The Island that the project was on track. According to him,

Like the first project, which originally envisaged one flyover at Kelaniya and 222 bridges, the recently worked out project, too, was outside tender procedures on the basis that it would minimise delays, the sources said.

Highways Minister T. B.

the majority of the 20 new bridges would be built on the Batticaloa-Trincomalee coastal road (A15), Badulla-Chenkaladi road, Batticaloa-Pottuvil road and Trincomalee-Pulmoddai road and.

The official said that ADB loan would be also utilised to repair the Batticaloa - Thrikonamadu road and the road stretch between

efforts to improve the road network. According to him, the British firm was in an ideal position to take over the additional project as it was already involved in Sri Lanka.

Anusha Palpita, Director, Government Information Department said that

Trincomalee and Mawedichenai junction.

Responding to our queries, he said that the work on the Japanese funded Orugodawatte flyover was underway. The 525 metre bridge expected to be completed in February next year was expected to cost Rs 491 million, he said, adding that China National was in charge of the construction.

the British bridge building project.

Well informed sources said that after the signing of two loan agreements with HSBC UK and HSBC Sri Lanka at Temple Trees in the presence of the President and the then Highway and Road



The Director National Cadet Corps Major General G. B. W. Jayasundara RWP RSP awarded certificates to Officers of Intake - 27 who successfully completed the Probationary Officer Course. They will be appointed as Teachers of English in the schools of difficult areas.

Measures taken to protect ozone layer - President



Mahinda



Champika

By Ifham Nizam

The Government has taken measures to end the use of chemicals that could be harmful to the Ozone layer, President Mahinda Rajapaksa said in his message to mark the International Ozone Day.

The President's statement, read by Environment and Natural Resources Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka at the celebration to mark the occasion on Tuesday at National Youth Services Council in Maharagama said 'Our country has rid itself of the production of chemicals harmful to Ozone Layer.'

"As a nation Sri Lanka has a long history of coexisting harmoniously with the environment.

"That's why our government is committed to the protection of natural resources including fauna and flora."

Ranawaka said as a signatory to the Montreal Protocol, Sri Lanka has made a significant contribution to protecting the Ozone Layer. He said that before the 1960s Sri Lanka never used pesticides but now Sri Lanka records the highest usage pesticides in the region.

He said in the name of green revolution the country had been moving towards a brown revolution. However, he said President Rajapaksa decided to promote green revolution by promoting the use of environmental friendly pesticides like organic fertilizer.

According National Ozone Unit Head Dr. W. L. Sumathipala they had conducted wide spectrum of awareness creation programmes around the island covering selected target groups. During 2006 and 2007 more than 22,500 school children and nearly 3200 teachers were educated and government officers were separately educated through one-day workshops.

DEATH

WEERESINGHE - TOMMY. Loving husband of Lily (Gamalatge), loving father of Tressy & Rohan, Steve & Sharmilla, Tony & Cindy, Ranjith & Gracey, and Bernadette & Paul, loving grandfather of Theruni & Reshini, Amodhi, Tharindu & Cainan Lily, Rose & Christian and Samuel & Benjamin, brother of late Pearl, Ruby, late Doreen, late Michael, late Rita and Godfrey, passed away in USA on 12th September 2008. Cremation will take place in USA on 20th September 2008. 735 Fairlawn Street, Allen, TX 75002, USA. A Memorial/Thanksgiving Service will be held on Saturday, 20th September 2008 at 7.00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Nugegoda (7th Mile Post).

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LTTE cannot survive as a guerilla outfit in the jungles- Mahinda

by Zacki Jabbar

President Mahinda Rajapaksa believes that the LTTE cannot survive as a guerrilla outfit in the jungles, once it loses control of inhabited lands in the North, "which would happen sooner than expected."

Responding to questions during an interaction with the Foreign Correspondents Association(FCA) at Temple Trees on Monday night, he said that the LTTE will be completely wiped out in the not too distant future and won't be able to stage a comeback.

When pointed out that guerilla organisations in various parts of the world, have survived in the jungles for many years after being driven out of lands controlled by them, Rajapaksa said "our forces are also in the jungles and they are capable of eliminating the LTTE once and for all."

Asked to set a time frame for the LTTE's defeat, Rajapaksa said that it will happen sooner than expected.

Referred to calls by Defence Secretary Gothabaya Rajapaksa for the LTTE to be banned, he said that was Gothabaya's personal view, but the government has not taken a decision on the matter.

Declining to comment on reports that the Defence Budget, would be increased, Rajapaksa said that no definite decision had been taken. "Let us wait till November, otherwise you cannot call it a budget."



On a proposal by Dr. Viraj Peramuna, medical officer, OPD National Hospital, Colombo Dr. Hector Weerasinghe Director of the Hospital assisted by Dy. Director Dr. (Mrs) Rani Fernando prepared a questionnaire for patients who visit the OPD daily. The aim of the questionnaire is to remedy the situation for the convenience of patients as well as the hospital authorities, Dr. Viraj told The Island. Dr. Weerasinghe is seen filling a questionnaire of a patient while Dr. Viraj looks on. (From S. K. J. Kurera, Pamunugama Corr.)

Environment Ministry responsible for noise pollution quandry - Kirielle

by Zacki Jabbar

The Environment Ministry should take the blame for the chaotic situation that exists with regard to noise pollution laws, UNP MP Lakshman Kirielle said yesterday.

He told a news conference in Colombo that despite a 2005 Supreme Court ruling that requires the Environment Ministry to draft clear laws that govern permissible noise levels, the Ministry had not taken any action.

"Due to the uncertainty that exists religious institutions can be hauled up before Courts and their leaders jailed for using loudspeakers. It was only recently that a Buddhist monk was remanded on a charge of violating



noise pollution laws. All are in a quandry due to the Environment Ministry's failure to act speedily and efficiently."

The UNP has repeatedly called for a law governing noise levels to be presented to parliament, Kirielle said but the Environment Ministry was yet to wake up from its slumber. "We will support the passage of clear and practical laws."

He said that the government should have resolved the noise pollution issue without letting it reach a situation that has put the clergy in a perilous position. "It did not take a clear stand for fear of displeasing the Buddhists. But its attitude has actually backfired."

Tigers gun down Asst. engineer

LTTE pistoleers yesterday shot dead Ms Lokeshwaran Premalatha (29), a senior official of the Nation Building Ministry at Thaitativu in the Kaluwanchikuddi.

Ms Lokeshwaran Premalatha, an assistant engineer serving the Ministry was shot dead at her residence shortly

before she left for work, police said.

Premalatha, the mother of a five-month-old baby, had been involved in the 'Negenahira Navodaya' and was leaving for her office when the two LTTE pistol men on a motorbike stormed her house and gunned her down at close range.



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