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## Sakvithi depositor complains to SC CB failed in its duty

by Chitra Weeraratne

A depositor of Sakvithi House Construction Pvt. Limited has complained to the Supreme Court that the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka failed to comply with the duties vested in the Central Bank, by the Finance Companies Act No. 78 of 1988 and thereby paved the way for a massive fraud of public funds. The petitioner said that she and 2000 other depositors should be entitled to redress from the Central Bank to recover their monies deposited with an unlawful finance company.

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## Tamil parties call hartal in NE

A group of democratic Tamil parties will hold a hartal in the North and East on Thursday to pressure the LTTE to eschew violence and enter the democratic mainstream. India to wean the LTTE from terrorism and the Government to take firm action to find a political solution to the ethnic problem.

The parties participating in the hartal are the TULF, the TMVP, the EPRLF (P), the PLOTE and the EPDP. Their main demands are 1. LTTE must allow civilians in the Wannil to move to safe areas;

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## Rains could continue till December

by Lakshmi de Silva

The present rainy weather had been caused by inter-monsoon conditions, but increased thunderstorms and heavy rains throughout the country had been caused by a low level atmospheric disturbance, Meteorologist Gayana Hendavitharana told *The Island* yesterday (20).

She said heavy rains could be experienced in any part of the country and downpours as heavy as 100 millimetres could fall during the next few days.

The highest rainfall of 156.7 mm of rain had been recorded at Neboda in the Kalutara District while Katunayake had recorded 111mm of rainfall during the 24 hours up to yesterday morning. Inter-monsoon rains could go on till the beginning December, she said.

## PB apologises to Court

### Says has shed all shares in LLC's where Govt has stake

by Chitra Weeraratne

Former Treasury Secretary Dr. P. B. Jayasundera yesterday submitted an affidavit to the Supreme Court, stating that he had offered to resign from State office on July 25, 2008 but the President had wanted him to continue.

His letter of resignation was

accepted on September 17, 2008. He also said that he had shed all his shares in five limited liability companies where the State held share.

He apologized to Court for having held any office, after the Court made several findings against him, in the sale of Lanka Marine Services shares to John Keels Holdings Pvt. Limited, and

also in the alienating of eight and a half acres of land at Bloemendhal, Colombo, which belonged to the Sri Lanka Port Authority to John Keels Holdings Pvt. Limited.

Dr. Jayasundera, in the affidavit, promised not to hold any government office, in future.

The Court said that

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## Presence of ex-RAW bigwig with Tiger links disturbs State intelligence

by The Island News Desk

Many an eyebrow has been raised in political and defence circles by the presence of a former RAW bigwig S. Chandrasekaran alias Chandran considered an LTTE sympathizer, in Colombo.

A former Additional Secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat Chandran was tasked with coordinating the training of all Tamil militant groups in India in the 1980s but later he sided with the LTTE and stood accused of being *au fait* with several barbaric acts of terrorism such as the attack on Yal Devi train and Anuradhapura massacre in 1985. It has now been established that the LTTE was in constant touch with the RAW during these terror strikes.

Chandran, who closely associated with EPRLF General Secretary K. Padmanabha, was accused of tipping the LTTE off that Padmanabha would be visiting

Chennai, where he was murdered by an LTTE hit squad in 1990. No one else, according to Padmanabha's colleagues, was aware of his Chennai visit.

RAW grew suspicious about Chandran to the extent of considering him a double agent after the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991. Thereafter, he retired and pursued his postgraduate studies in Nepal and the US.

Chandran, according to sources, has helped the LTTE with training, planning and propaganda. He heads a Chennai based NGO, which did the spade-work for the on-going pro-LTTE protests in Tamil Nadu.

Chandran has visited Sri Lanka on a number of occasions but his present visit, according to sources, is aimed at facilitating a bail-out for the LTTE trapped in the Vanni. He has so far met several Tamil politicians including TULF Politician V. Anandasangaree, PLOTE Leader D. Siddharthan, TMVP leader V. Muralidaran (Karuna) and EPDP Leader Douglas Devananda.

During his discussions with Karuna, sources said, Chandran had tried to persuade the ex-LTTE Eastern Province military commander that he should not be an obstacle to the LTTE.

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Three SLTB buses, parked at the Central Bus Stand were damaged in a bomb explosion minutes before midnight Sunday (19). No one was injured as there were no passengers or bus crews present at the time of the blast. SLTB employees inspect one of the damaged buses. Pic by Kamal Bogoda.

## Hartal cripples B'caloa

A hartal crippled day to day activities in the Batticaloa town and suburbs.

The hartal was organized by people to protest against the large number of disappearances and kidnappings in the district recently. Police spokesman SSP Ranjith Gunasekara told the media.

Activities in the Akkareipathu, Kalawanchikudi,

Chenkalady and Valachchenal areas had come to a halt due to the protest, the spokesman added.

According to the police all the shops and the offices in those areas were closed and public transport was paralyzed.

Security in the areas had been tightened. No incidents had been reported, the spokesman said.

## Bribery Commission probes Police Department DIG, two ex-IGPs among top cops grilled

by Norman Paliyahawadana

Several senior police officers and two retired Inspectors General of Police have been questioned by the Commission to investigate Bribery or Corruption, in connection with some irregularities and corruption in the police department, police sources said.

Former IGPs Victor Perera and Chandra Fernando were

among the high ranking officers questioned by the Bribery Commission. Chandra Fernando said the Bribery Commission had sought clarification on some matters concerning the Police Department and he had given a statement accordingly.

Victor Perera said anyone could be questioned by the Bribery Commission but that did not mean the person questioned was guilty of an offence. During his career in

the police department he had served it without creating any problems, he said.

Among the police personnel questioned by the Commission was a DIG, police sources said.



## Troops inflict heavy losses on LTTE

by Harischandra Gunaratna

The LTTE suffered heavy losses in fierce battles with security forces at Manaiyankulam in Kilinochchi on Sunday, the Media Center for National Security said.

The exact figures of LTTE cadres killed and injured were not immediately available, but it should be a heavy toll, the MCNS said.

Meanwhile, the troops of the 56 Division, destroyed a Tiger bunker line in Villapallakulam in Vavuniya. The search operations conducted in liberated areas in



Akkarayankulam, Vavuniya troops found large stocks of arms and live ammunition. Tigers have built trench lines in some places to thwart the army's thrust but the troops had been able to penetrate them, military sources said.

## War no excuse for not reducing fuel prices - Ranil

by Chaminda Silva

UNP and Opposition Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday said that though the price of crude oil in the World Market had dropped considerably, the

government was not passing on the benefits to the people. Instead it continued to sell petrol, diesel and kerosene oil at the old rates and cited the war as an excuse.

Addressing a UNP meeting at the Jatika Sevaka Sangamaya Headquarters, Wickremesinghe said the government's claim that it was unable to reduce prices due to the war was a lame excuse.

He said even during President J.

R. Jayawardene's time the war had been fought but the people were not burdened with high prices. Instead they had been provided with relief, he said.

During the presidential election campaign Mahinda Rajapaksa had pledged to sell fuel to the public at lower prices saying he had friends in the Arab world but after he was elected President he had forgotten the promise made to the public, the

Opposition Leader said.

He said the government was using war to cover up its failure to address the burning problems of the people.

Wickremesinghe said the main reason for the high cost of living was the heavy expenditure the government incurred in maintaining the world's largest Cabinet of ministers and supporting President's family with public funds.

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