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President Mahinda Rajapaksa on Sunday alleged that the UNP was conspiring to bring him, Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa and Army Chief Lieutenant General Sarath Fonseka before an international war crimes tribunal.

Addressing a political gathering at Temple Trees, an angry President accused the opposition of collecting evidence against them.

The President said that the international community should pressure the LTTE to release thousands

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Three persons held over killing of two children

● Akmeemana police hunt for chief suspect



The police recover little Thanuja's body by Norman Palihawadana, Lalith Chaminda and S. K. Kalarachchi

Police are looking for a 66-year-old man wanted in connection with the killing of Thanuja Trangani (10) and her brother Kavin Rashmika (one year 11

months) at Gonamulla, Nugekanda in the Akmeemana police area.

The villagers had captured the wife and two children of the suspect and

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● In a bid to bail out terrorists Now US threatens to block IMF loan facility

The Barack Obama administration has warned that it would block a USD 1.9 billion IMF loan facility sought by the Rajapaksa administration.

This follows Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa's rejection of a US inspired call for an immediate ceasefire on the Vanni front to facilitate a meeting between UN representa-

tives and LTTE leader Velupillai Prabhakaran in the civilian safety zone on the Mullaitivu coast.

Well informed sources said that the warning was received on Friday afternoon. On the previous day, the Defence Secretary told the visiting Chief of Staff of the UN Secretary General, Vijay Nambiar and Hitoki Den of the

UN Department for Political Affairs that a fresh lifeline wouldn't be given to the LTTE.

Sources accused the US of using the IMF loan facility as a bargaining chip in an attempt to subvert Sri Lanka and to rescue the LTTE

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Govt. ponders presidential election first

● Chamal R. indicates Nov. date for forthcoming presidential or parliamentary poll

by Shamindra Ferdinando

With the army now poised to finish off what is left of the Tigers' conventional fighting capability, the ruling UPFA government is likely to call for a presidential election later this year.

SLFP strategists are of the opinion that an early presidential poll ahead of parliamentary polls would be advantageous to the coalition. According to the election map, the parliamentary elec-

tions should have preceded the presidential election.

Ministerial sources told *The Island* that the election was likely in November. The last presidential poll was held in November, 2005.

Sources said that it would be the first countrywide election in many decades held without any territory under LTTE control.



Mahinda Rajapaksa and Chamal Rajapaksa, elder brother

Ports and Aviation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa recently indicated that either a presidential or parliamentary election was expected as early as November. Addressing a public gathering, President Mahinda Rajapaksa's

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One who opened the eyes of wisdom

Convicted London-based LTTE procurement agent's MI5 link bared



Clare Short, the ex-International Development Secretary, appeared as a defence witness and told the court that the Government gave millions of pounds in humanitarian aid to areas held by the LTTE.

The alleged head of the Tamil Tigers in Britain was buying bomb-making equipment for the terrorist group while holding regular meetings with Special Branch, it has been revealed.

Timesonline on Saturday (April 18) reported.

Arunachalam Krishanthakumar, known as AC Shanthan, became the first person to be convicted of aiding the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) since the British Government declared them an illegal terrorist group in 2001.

Christanthakumar, a property valuer from Norbury, South London, bought electrical components seen in remote-controlled bombs used by the LTTE.

Details of links between the Tamil Tigers and the British authorities were revealed during a nine-week trial at Kingston Crown Court.

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Two anti-aircraft missiles, 152 mm artillery piece found

Army headquarters said that troops conducting clearing operations in the Visvadamhu area on Sunday had recovered a slightly damaged 152 mm artillery piece belonging to the LTTE. Troops also found two surface to air missiles over the weekend.

Murder suspect shielded, court deceived by police - JVP

by Don Asoka Wijewardena

Accusing the police of shielding Kingsley Kasturiarachchi, the chief suspect in the Nandana Balage murder investigation, the JVP yesterday said that it could prove an unholy alliance between the wanted man and law enforcement officers.

The JVP said that the police had ignored a court directive to arrest suspects wanted in connection with the investigation. Although, the police had repeatedly claimed that the suspects couldn't be tracked down, at least the chief suspect was in touch with the police, the JVP said.

The JVP yesterday called a press

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The chief suspect of Nandana Balage's murder, Kingsley Kasturiarachchi with a group of police personnel.

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