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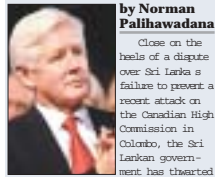
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SC judgment on SLIC transaction
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Considered an LTTE sympathiser
Canadian MP deported on arrival



by **Norman Palihawadana**

Close on the heels of a dispute over Sri Lanka's failure to prevent a recent attack on the Canadian High Commission in Colombo, the Sri Lankan government has threatened a visit by a prominent Canadian politician, Bob Rae, MP, considered an LTTE sympathiser.

Canada called for war crimes probe in Sri Lanka at a recent special session of UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

Rae was detained at the Katurayake International Airport on Tuesday night when he arrived from Chennai and deported yesterday afternoon.

An administrative official told The Island that Rae was sent abroad IL 503, a direct flight to Heathrow airport.

Well informed sources said that Sri Lanka's High Commission in Canada had issued him with a visa though the government later decided to revoke the decision and accordingly cancelled the visa. But by that time, the Canadian MP had already left his country.

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Mangala threatened with corruption probe

No action to be taken against Moragoda on SLIC sale

by **Shamindra Ferdinando**

The government yesterday warned dissident SLEP M P Mangala Samaraweera, that his involvement in several high profile transactions during his tenure as a minister in the CRK administration would be probed.

Power Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage yesterday said that the CRP had launched an inquiry into those deals. Joining Media Minister Lakshman Yapa Abeyswardena at an Information Department press briefing, Aluthgamage dismissed Samaraweera's recent claim that he would not join the government as he did not want to be a further burden on the taxpayer.

Samaraweera was recently quoted as saying that he would not want to be the 11th minister in the ruling coalition. A smiling Aluthgamage said that had Samaraweera returned as a minister he would cost as much as ten ministers.



Mangala

Aluthgamage compared re-appointment to expansion of the Cabinet to 120 ministers.

Accusing Samaraweera of an extravagant lifestyle at the taxpayer's expense, Aluthgamage said that his former colleague had exploited his position to his advantage. But nothing could have been as wasteful as spending Rs 120 million to refurbish his offices, he said.

He said that Samaraweera seemed to be the only one still shedding tears

for LTTE leader Velupillai Prabhakaran killed by the army. UNP leader Ranil Wickremesinghe, one of the staunchest critics of the war effort and former President Chandrika Kumaratunga, too, had congratulated the President on the armed forces' triumph over the LTTE.

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Did LTTE resurface at Thoppigala?



Recently people came across a group of gun toting youth resembling LTTE cadres in the Thoppigala jungles liberated by the armed forces in 2007. They were relieved to find that they were some soldiers picked by veteran film maker Bennet Ranayake to act in his latest production 'ra Handa Yata' (Pic: Nishan S. Priyantha)

Section-by-section drafting of 'final APRC document'

— Prof. Vitarana

by **Lynn Ockersz**

The All Party Representatives Committee (APRC), convened to work out a political solution to the ethnic conflict in the process of drafting the 'final document' of its deliberations, section-by-section, having reached consensus on all political issues but a specific date cannot be pinpointed as to when the final document could be brought out, APRC chairman and Minister of Science and Technology Prof. Tissa Vitarana told this newspaper yesterday.

While the final proposals would uphold the unitary state principle, they would not be based on the 13th amendment, although the 13th amendment provisions too have been taken into consideration in working out the final proposals, Prof. Vitarana pointed out. He clarified that the APRC deliberations were 'an independent process' aimed at working out what the parties to the APRC consider the most appropriate solution to the conflict and were not in any way 'based on the 13th Amendment'.

The UNP too would be called on to join the APRC and requested to put forward their input on the final proposals once they are finalized, the chairman explained. Likewise, an invitation would be extended to parties such as the TNA, which have hitherto not been party to the APRC, although they are in Parliament, to join the deliberations, once the final proposals take shape.



Vitarana



Dissident SLEP MP Mangala Samaraweera participates in a sit-in protest near Viharamahadevi Park on Wednesday (June 10) against attacks on journalists. Pic: Siripala Halwala

Will four TNA MPs lose seats: House to decide tomorrow

by **Saman Indrajith**

A final decision on four TNA MPs who had misused their privileges to engage in anti-Christianity acts will be taken by Parliament tomorrow (12).

TNA members, namely, Selvan Adai/Jalanathan (Vanni District), Selwajah Rajjamban (Jaffna District), Senakulajih Jayewardemorthy (Batticaloa District) and Rahmini Sithenarathnan (Jaffna District) would lose their seats if the House decided so, Speaker W. J. M. Lokubandara announced.

Government members opposed granting further leave

to those MPs on the grounds that they had misused their leave to conduct anti-national campaigns.

When motions seeking to extend their leave were presented to the House yesterday, Chief Government Whip Urban



Urban

Development and Sacred Area Minister Dinush Gunawardena said that the motion could not be granted as there were reports that the TNA MPs had used their privileges to act against the Christianization that they had given an oath to protect and safeguard.

Will four...

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UNP wants PSC to probe attacks on Journalists

by **Saman Indrajith**

The UNP yesterday (10) called for the appointment of a Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) to look into abductions and killings of journalists.

Chief Opposition Whip MP Joseph Michael Peera, making a special statement in Parliament said that since 2005, eleven journalists had been killed and over 50 assaulted.



Joseph Michael

Peera said, So far no one has been prosecuted. Every time an incident occurs the government says that it will detail special police teams to investigate, but those investigations have not produced any results.

He said: 'The UNP is happy that the war that ravaged this country was brought to an end.'

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Canada busts LTTE network

Four men arrested for their involvement in a Tamil Tigers airport network that operated in the United States and Canada pleaded guilty to terrorism charges yesterday (June 09).

Karanakavan Kandasamy, Pratheegan Thavaraja, Marugusu Vinayagomoorthy and Vijayakumar Patupathanan face maximum sentences of 15 to 20 years after entering their pleas in a Brooklyn courtroom.

Kandasamy was the leader of the US branch of the Tamil Tigers, defeated by Sri Lankan government forces last month following more than 25 years of

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