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New Delhi finds Colombo 'slack'

India not happy with Lanka's steps to rehabilitate Tamils

by S Venkat Narayan
Our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, June 30: India says the steps Sri Lanka has taken so far to rehabilitate the internally displaced Tamils are "not enough,"

and has politely conveyed its "displeasure" to Colombo in this regard.

This was stated by Indian Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram on Monday. Speaking to reporters in Karaikudi in

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Angry MR refuses to bow down to JHU

● Hints Champika's may quit, if he so wishes

by Saman Indrajith and Dasun Edirisinghe

An angry President yesterday warned Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka not to hinder his efforts to implement 13th Amendment to the Constitution and guarantee devolution of power to the provinces. Now that a 30-year war had been brought to an end, the aspi-

rations of the people of the North and East should be met, he told a group of government ministers at Temple Trees yesterday according to highly placed sources.

Referring to Ranawaka's threat to quit his government over the proposed full implementation of the 13th Amendment, the President said that he

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'Bow-wow, the grounds are fit for play'



A police commando walks a sniffer dog to check the ground prior to the start of the second day's play of a three-day practice match between Pakistan and Sri Lankan Cricket XI in Colombo yesterday (30).

(AP Photo/Eranga Jayawardena)

Double for Sanga before Test



Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara became a father yesterday when his wife Yehali gave birth to their first babies, a boy and a girl, at a private hospital in Colombo. The birth of his children took place just four days before he led Sri Lanka in his first Test Match as skipper.

Laughs up, Shell down

The Consumer Affairs Authority yesterday revised gas prices with effect from midnight yesterday. According to the price revision a 12.5 kg Laugfs cylinder will be increased by Rs. 100 and the price of a 12.5 kg Shell gas cylinder reduced by Rs. 53.

Leave school admissions to principals - PM

Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickremanayake is of the view that the Ministry of Education should not meddle with school admissions and instead the responsibility should be handed over to principals.

The Prime Minister expressed this view addressing a meeting at the Horana Thakshala Maha

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Real Platinum discovered in Sri Lanka...

Please see Financial Review front page for more details.

Prasanna says 13th Amendment must be implemented

by Norman Palihawadena

Western Province Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga dismissing the Jathika Hela Urumaya threat of pulling out of the Government if the 13th Amendment to the Constitution is implemented.

said that it was an Amendment passed by Parliament and therefore had to be implemented.

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Nirupama Rao India's next Foreign Secretary

by S Venkat Narayan
Our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, June 30: Mrs Nirupama Rao, currently India's Ambassador to China and rated as one of the country's brightest diplomats, will be the next Foreign Secretary it was officially announced here today.

Mrs Rao will be the Foreign Secretary for about 17 months and retire on December 31, 2010. Indian civil servants retire at 60.



Nirupama Rao

Mrs Rao will assume office on 1 August after Shivshankar Menon retires on July 31.

She did two stints in Sri Lanka, the first time as a First Secretary in the Indian High Commission during 1981-83, and the second time as this country's first woman High Commissioner during September 2004-September 2006.

A 1973-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer who has served in a

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EP CM to give priority to education

by Franklin R. Satyapalan

Education would be his priority, Eastern Province Chief Minister S. Chandrakanthan said.

The TMVP also pledged support to the Government from outside whenever and wherever it was required, he told *The Island*.

The Chief Minister also said that he had raised the matter of education during meetings with the Minister of Education Susil Premajayanth since education

was most important to raise the living standard of the Eastern Province people. He said the East was backward and neglected and to bring it on a par with the rest of the country education was a necessity.

Chandrankanthan



Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickremanayake and former Prime Minister and Opposition leader Ranil Wickremasinghe participated at a ceremony to felicitate the Chief incumbent of the Sri Gotabhaya Raja Maha Viharaya, Botale. Wickremanayake seems to be asking Wickremasinghe, "Are you contesting the next Presidential election?"

Pic by Sujatha Jayarathne

AIADMK evicted from Tamil Nadu Assembly

They wanted a resolution slamming Sri Lanka passed for 'killing Tamils'

by S Venkat Narayan
Our Special Correspondent

New Delhi, June 30: Legislators of the opposition All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) were on Tuesday evicted en masse from the Tamil Nadu Assembly when they disrupted its proceedings by raising slogans to demand the passage of a resolution on the Sri Lankan Tamils issue. Assembly Speaker R Avudyalpan ordered the eviction following a

request from Chief Minister Muthuvel Karunanidhi, who said raising slogans inside the House was "uncultured".

It all started after the Question Hour, when the AIADMK members demanded that the House adopt a resolution urging India to file a case against Sri Lanka in the International Court of Justice in view of allegations that many innocent Tamils were killed during the recent military offensive against the LTTE.

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