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Victim's wife (R) and two of his children

## Murder shocks South

UNP CM candidate killed in front of his children

**By Norman Palihawadena, S. K. Kaluarachi, Lalith Chaminda and Neminda Samarajeewa.**

Opposition Leader of the Galle Municipal Council and UNP Chief Ministerial candidate for the forthcoming Southern Provincial Council election, 40-year-old *Deshabanda* Dushyantha Seneviratne was shot dead by an unidentified gunman in front of his four children, early yesterday morning at Beligahahandiya in Galle.

Seneviratne was killed while taking his children to school. He had left children in his car and gone to buy them breakfast when his

killers struck. He had been shot seven times with an assault rifle. JMO the Ruhuna Medical Faculty Dr. U. G. P. Perera told *The Island*.

Dr. Perera said five shots had been fired from behind the victim and two after he collapsed on the road.

"I was seated in the car with my sisters and brother when I saw my father coming out of a bakery carrying our breakfast and a newspaper. While he was approaching the car, two men wearing hel-



Dushyantha

met came on a motor cycle and one fired a few shots at him. When I tried to get off the car, father shouted, "epa, epa," (don't, don't). Then he screamed in pain and fell," the victim's 15-year-old eldest daughter Hansi Sithari told *The Island* yesterday.

The victim was in the habit of driving his children to school from Dangedera every morning and on the way he would stop at a bakery to buy children their breakfast and a newspaper.

At the time this edition went to press the Galle Police Special Crime Bureau conducting investigations under SSP Keerthi Silva's directions had not made a breakthrough.

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**UNP seeks broader alliance to fight future elections**

At a meeting chaired by UNP and Opposition leader Ranil Wickremesinghe it was decided to appoint three committees to work out modalities of forming a broader Opposition alliance to face future elections.

The meeting held on Tuesday at the Cambridge Terrace Office of the leader of the Opposition was attended by SLFP (M) leader MP Mangala Samaraweera, Sri Lanka Muslim

Congress Leader MP Rauff Hakim and Western People's Front leader MP Mano Ganesan. It was also decided that the report of the committees be made available before the end of July.

UNP Deputy leader Karu Jayasuriya, General Secretary, Tissa Atanayake, National Organiser S.B. Dissanayake, MPs Ravi Karunanayake and Kabir Hasim were also present.

**Cancer Hospital nurses walk out in protest**

**By Dilanthi Jayamanne**

The All Ceylon Nurses Union (ACNU) staged a walk out last morning and a picket at 12 noon at the Maharagama Cancer Institute (MCI) demanding the cancellation of their transfers. Fifty four nurses of the MCI were transferred to the National Hospital and the Angoda Infectious Diseases Hospital (IDH).  
 ACNU Secretary Anura

Jayamanne said yesterday (22) that the nurses of the Kandy and Kurunegala Hospitals, too, had

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