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Port worker assaulted, otherwise go-slow incident free

by Iffham Nizam and Don Asoka Wijewardena

Except an incident of assault on a worker attached to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, no other incidents were reported from the four organisations, where a work-to-rule campaign was launched yesterday.

The 50-year-old victim had been admitted to the Intensive Care Unit of the Accident Service, Sri Lankan Ports Union spokesman Chandima Mahagama said yesterday.

Mahagama said that a high ranking official of the Ports Authority had got the victim assaulted. The victim was an SLFP trade unionist participating in the go-slow, Ports Authority sources said.

The work-to-rule in the four institutions, the Petroleum Corporation, Water Board, CEB and the Ports Authority did not have any effect on the day to day activities of the people yesterday.

CPC Common Services Union Media Secretary D. A. Rajakaruna said yesterday the impact of the go-slow would be felt by Friday since motorists had obtained enough fuel by Monday and Tuesday in view of the CPC trade union action.

He said the work to rule had been successful.

CEB's Joint Trade Union Front Secretary Ranjan Jayalal claimed more than 15,000 workers were taking part in the go-slow. He said that they would not

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French call for repealing Emergency too early - Lanka

MR still a target even after Tiger chief's killing

by Shamindra Ferdinando

Although the LTTE no longer poses a conventional military threat, the government will retain the state of emergency to facilitate ongoing operations undertaken by intelligence services, both here and abroad, targeting LTTE operatives. In keeping with a Defence Ministry directive, recruitment to the armed forces and police, too, will continue for the time being.

A senior Defence Ministry official told *The Island* that the police, Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI) and the Naval intelligence had been engaged in operations to track

down LTTE cadres taking refuge among civilians both at IDP facilities and outside. According to him, some top LTTE operatives and their agents, including Superintendent of Police Lakshman Cooray had been apprehended since the final battle on the banks of the Nanthikadal lagoon on May 18.

A senior police official told *The Island* that Cooray had made more than one bid to facilitate an LTTE suicide attack on the President even after the Tigers were defeated last May. Speaking on the condition of anonymity, he said that timely arrest of a top

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Our photographer Nishan S. Priyantha captured this scene at a petrol station run by the CPC in Colombo on the first day of a three-day 'work-to-rule' campaign launched by UNP and JVP trade unions. Contrary to expectation, both petrol and diesel were available at filling stations in Colombo and its suburbs.

Pakistan Air Chief here

Pakistan Air Force Commander Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman will arrive in Colombo today (Oct 12) afternoon on a brief visit.

Air Force headquarters said that the visiting official would meet President Mahinda Rajapaksa, Air Force Chief Air Marshal Roshan Gunatilleke and the defence top brass.

Pakistan has remained one of Sri Lanka's closest allies since the eruption of the Eelam war in 1983. An authoritative source told *The Island* that Pakistan had provided SLAF training, logistical assistance, maintenance of F7 jet fighters and C 130 medium lift aircraft, and technical expertise. Suleman is scheduled to visit the SLAF base at China Bay. (SF)



Suleman

Trade union action cannot topple govt.

— Media Minister

by Don Asoka Wijewardena

The go-slow organised by the JVP and UNP trade unions in the Petroleum Corporation, Ports, CEB and National Water Supply and Drainage Board could not topple the government, which was fully aware of the motives of JVP and UNP trade unions, Media Minister Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena said addressing a press conference at the



Lakshman

Government Information Department yesterday.

He said the trade unions on the pretext of launching a work-to-rule campaign were trying to resort to sabotage. Although the government had granted a salary increase for the public servants, the JVP and UNP trade unions had resorted to a work-to-rule campaign. The Government would increase the salaries of

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Jeyaraj's wife on cop turned LTTE agent

Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle, wife slain Minister Jayaraj Fernandopulle and SLFP Organiser for Katana yesterday told *The Island* that she had never suspected SP Lakshman Cooray's involvement with the LTTE even after her husband's assassination.

She said once Cooray had brought to her notice a move to serve him a charge sheet over the assassination in



Dr. Sudarshini receives her appointment letter from the President

relation to shortcomings in security arrangements.

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Gen. Fonseka will be Common Opposition candidate at next Presidential polls - Kirielle

● He knows how to attract the TNA

by Zacki Jabbar

General Sarath Fonseka would be the Common Opposition Candidate at the next Presidential Election and he knew what was expected of him to attract the Tamil National Alliance, the newly formed United National Front said yesterday. Kandy District UNP MP, Lakshman Kirielle told *The Island* that Fonseka was fully aware of the conditions on which he would be the UNF candidate and in the process of assuring the Tamil parties that they could be equal partners in the UNF.



Kirielle

"All ends have been patched up and we are ready for either a Presidential Election of Parliamentary Election," he said. "It's a matter of time before the JVP also endorses General Fonseka's candidature as the UNF's Presidential candidate."

The conditions put forward by Opposition leader Ranil Wickremesinghe for Fonseka to be the candidate are: he should reach an understanding with the TNA on issues concerning them, make a public announcement that the Executive Presidency will be abolished in

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Motion against NCP Opp. Leader adopted

by Percy Kuruneru, Anuradhapura Cor.

The North Central Provincial Council on Tuesday adopted a motion expressing displeasure at the Council's leader of the Opposition, Attorney-at-Law Kasthuri Anuradhanayake, for alleged false statements he had made against the provincial education department. It was passed by a majority of six votes.

The motion was moved by Councillor M. Herath Banda and seconded by G. G. Chandrasena.

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Myanmar military ruler due

Senior General Than Shwe, leader of the Military Government of Myanmar will arrive in Colombo today (Oct 12) on a State visit. Since the last presidential election in November, 2005, the Sri Lankan government has enhanced its relations with Myanmar with President Mahinda Rajapaksa recently paying a visit to that country.



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