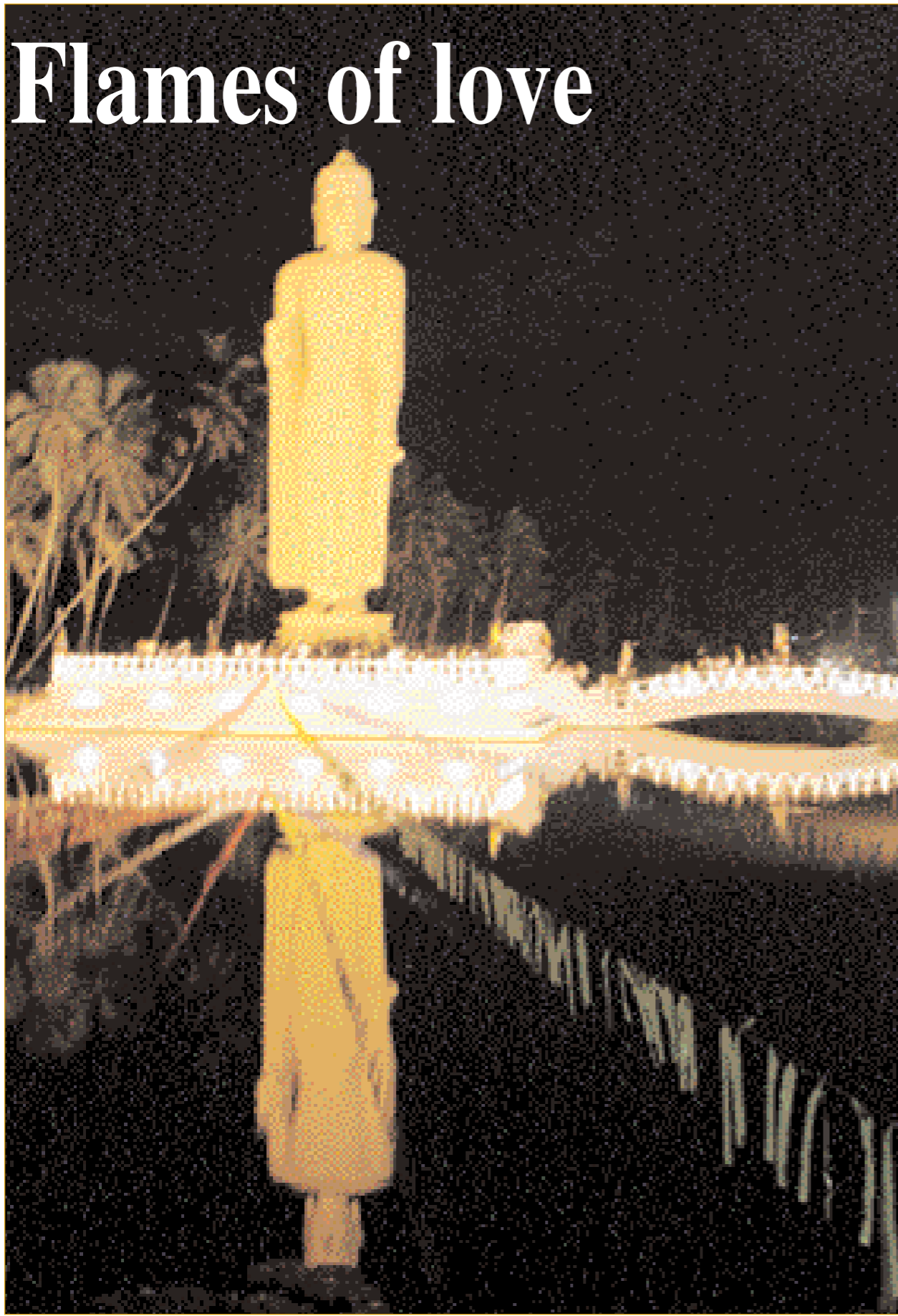


Flames of love



Remember these lines by Bob Dylan?
"Broken lives
Broken strings
Broken dreams
...everything's broken"

Surely until December 2004 the lyric would have described any country in South Asia, except ours. We have always been, to use the over used cliché, the pearl of the Indian Ocean: the Golden Island, untouched by major disasters.
Or so we thought. The truth when it came on December 26, 2007 was rough and overwhelming. And three years later, it is still hard to fathom those of our loved ones who were swept away by the fateful waves are no longer with us. Yet, through the tears, the love, the fond memories of the laughter shared, continue as seen in the eighty thousand lamps lit for those who lost their lives in the train at Peraliya the day "everything got broken".

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