



President Mahinda Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranathi Rajapaksa being welcomed by Bhutan's Prime Minister Jigmi Y Thinley on arrival to address the 16th SAARC Summit in Thimphu, Bhutan on Wednesday.
- Pic by Sudath Silva

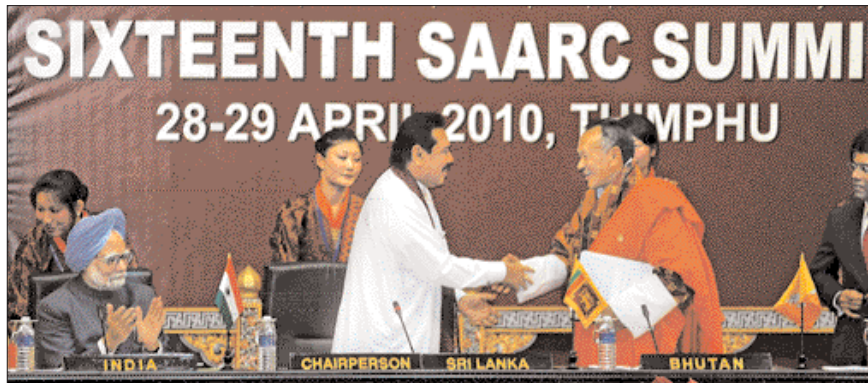


The President with the Pakistan Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani



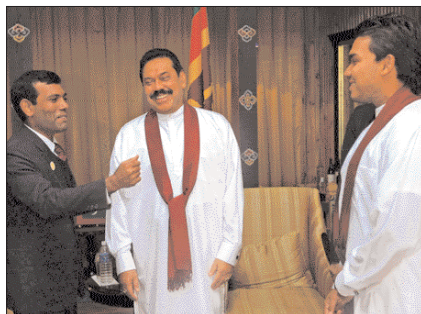
The President visits the Chortens Stupa and Lhakhang Temple at Dhochula. First Lady Shiranathi Rajapaksa, Sajin De Vas Gunawardane MP, President's Secretary, Lalith Weeraratne are also present

SAARC at a glance



President Mahinda Rajapaksa handing over the SAARC Chairmanship to Bhutan's Prime Minister Jigmi Y Thinley. Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh is also in the picture. Pic by Sudath Silva

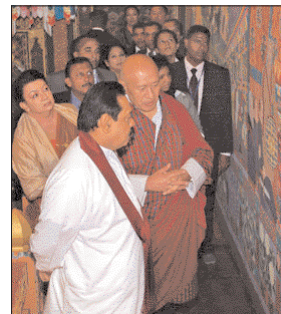
Addressing the 16th South Asian Regional Summit in Thimphu, Bhutan President Mahinda Rajapaksa said "Let us within our own grouping be bold enough to introspect. We must take measures to improve the existing mechanisms, through review, rationalisation and reinvigoration".



Maldivian President Mohamed Nasheed calls on President Mahinda Rajapaksa at the Sri Lankan Guest House at the SAARC village.



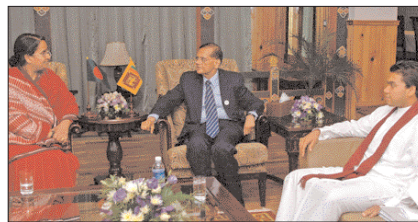
President Mahinda Rajapaksa meets Nepal Prime Minister Madhav Kumar. External Affairs Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris and Namal Rajapaksa MP are also in the picture.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa visits the Chortens Stupa and Lhakhang Temple at Dhochula. - Pic by Sudath Silva



External Affairs Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris with Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi.



Prof. G. L. Peiris with Nepal Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ms Sujata Koirala.



Prof. G. L. Peiris with Indian External Affairs minister S. M Krishna. - Pic by Nalin Hewapathirana