

**MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS**

# Crowds enjoy first peaceful May Day



Victorious President Mahinda Rajapaksa greets the gathering at the UPFA rally.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa stresses a point to Prime Minister D.M. Jayaratne and to Minister Maithripala Sirisena at the rally.



Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa along with Deputy Minister of Housing and Common Amenities Lasantha Alagiyawane, Western Province Chief Minister Prassanna Ranatunga and Parliamentarian Sudarshini Fernandopulle arrive at the venue of the UPFA rally at the Colombo Municipal Grounds.



WP Governor Alavi Moulana addressing the gathering



Minister of Construction Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities Minister Wimal Weerawansa delivers his speech at the UPFA rally.



Late President Ranasinghe Premadasa was remembered on May Day yesterday. He was assassinated on May Day in 1993. Here Hambantota district parliamentarian and son of the late President, Sajith Premadasa places floral tribute. Opposition leader Ranil Wickreasinghe was also present at the event.



The JVP big wigs: Tilwin Silva, Somawansa Amerasinghe, Vijitha Herath and Anura Kumara Dissanayake at the party's May Day rally.



A Holy Mass was celebrated by the Christian Labour Brotherhood yesterday for the 50th time at St. Michael's Church yesterday. All religious dignitaries graced the occasion, which was a colourful event with singing, dancing and parading. The advisor to the Religious Affairs Ministry, Ven. Galgana Dhanmarasiri Thera, Dr. Sakka Mubarak, Moulavi Mubarak and Rev. Fr. Sarath Hetiarachchi and Fr. H.S.J. Jeyaraj were also present.



May Day was celebrated at the headquarters of All Ceylon Clerical Workers' Union (ACCWU) yesterday and here the participants (from left): H.A. Piyadasa (Union Co-ordinator), Dayananda Theerakoon (General Secretary), K.D. Perera (President), Denzil Silva (Deputy General secretary) observe one-minute silence to commemorate their departed colleagues.

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