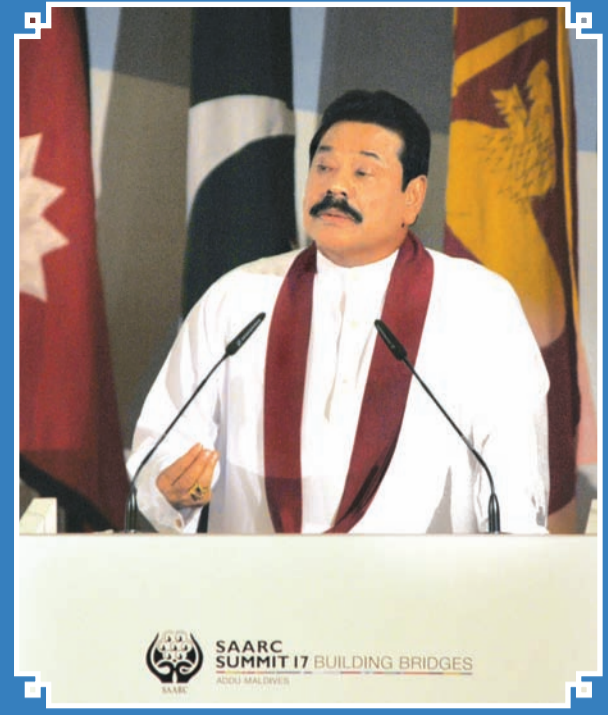


17th SAARC Summit



President Mahinda Rajapaksa being welcomed at the Male Airport on arrival for the 17th SAARC Summit



The issues which call for our attention, particularly in the areas of social justice and climate change, require not further discussion but immediate action, said President Mahinda Rajapaksa in his address to the 17th SAARC Summit, in Addu City of the Maldives. "What is evident around us is a mood of urgency and even impatience," the President said.



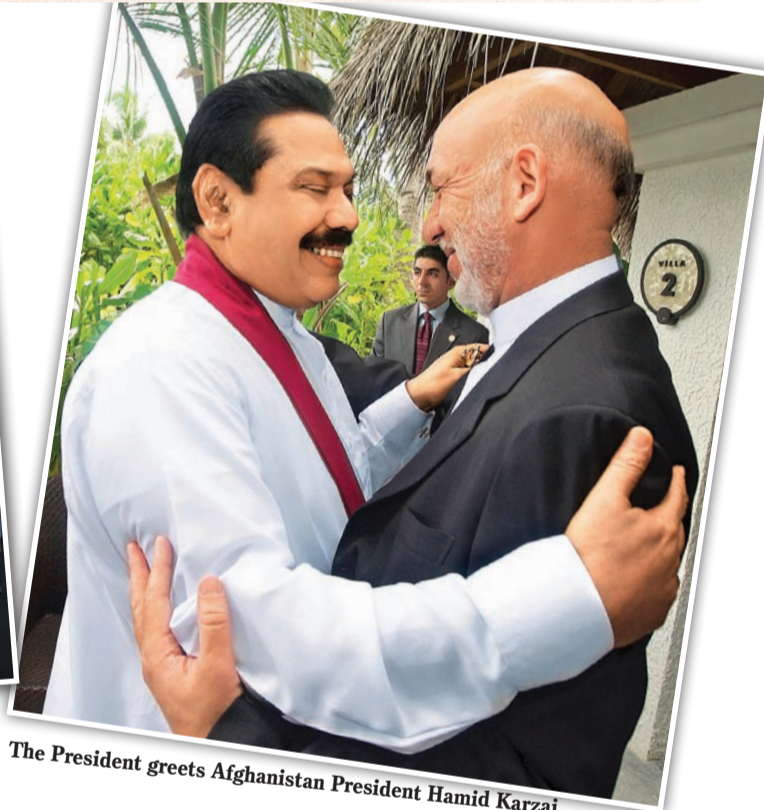
President Rajapaksa with Indian Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh



Heads of State at the opening of the 17th SAARC Summit



President Rajapaksa with Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gillani



The President greets Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai



The President meet Heads of State



President Rajapaksa holds bilateral talks with his Maldivian counterpart Mohamed Nasheed



The closing ceremony of the 17th SAARC Summit was held in the Maldives on Friday with the participation of SAARC leaders. From left: Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bhutanese Prime Minister Jigme Y Thinley, Maldives President Mohamed Nasheed, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Nepalese Prime Minister Baburam Bhattarai, Pakistani Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani and President Mahinda Rajapaksa.



The President admires a monument