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Sampur which was once engulfed with terrorism is now the main Recruits Training Centre of the Sri Lanka Navy. The 2012 Passing Out Parade of 423 men and women sailors took place recently with Rear Admiral Shemal Fernando, Naval Secretary and Director General Logistics as the Chief Guest. Rear Admiral Fernando called upon all those who were present to remember with gratitude the war heroes who made the supreme sacrifice to safeguard unity, peace, sovereignty and tranquillity of Mother Lanka.

He paid tribute to President Mahinda Rajapaksa and the Secretary, Ministry of Defence Gotabaya Rajapaksa for their heroism to achieve lasting peace and ensuring tranquillity and development in the country.



Rear Admiral Shemal Fernando, Naval Secretary and Director General Logistics, who was the chief guest inspects a guard of honour at the 2012 passing-out parade of 423 male and female sailors at the main Recruits Training Centre of the Sri Lanka Navy in Sampur.



Naval recruit, K.D.C.S. Siriwardena who was adjudged the Best Male Recruit among 423 new recruits receiving the Challenge Trophy from Naval Secretary, Rear Admiral Shemal Fernando.



423 sailors pass out in Sampur

(From left) Captain of SLNS Thakshila, Capt. Y.M.G.B. Jayatillake, Commandant of the Naval Training Recruit Centre, Commodore Meril Wickremasinghe, Naval Secretary and Director General Logistics SLN, Rear Admiral Shemal Fernando and Mrs. Carmel Fernando.



Naval recruit A.W.P. Liyanage who was adjudged the Best Female Recruit receiving her trophy from Naval Secretary, Rear Admiral Shemal Fernando.