



The Masjid Federation, Dematagoda organised a blood donation campaign at the Minar Jumma Mosque, Colombo recently. Here a volunteer donates blood, religious leaders were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Kandy District Netball Tournament organised by the Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson, Kandy District Netball Association, Mrs. Shanthini Kongahage was held in Kandy recently. Ten teams participated and the Peradeniya Team won the first place and the Bogambara Sports Club were runners-up. Here Mrs. Kongahage, Bank of Ceylon Senior Manager P.P. Ratnayake and Kandy District Netball Association Secretary, Mrs. Kumarihamy with the champs.



Sahana Madura, Ja-ela, Kanuwana which provides psychological treatment and counselling awarded certificates to those who successfully completed the Counselling Diploma course recently. Esmond De Silva, Asst. Registrar, Aquinas University was the chief guest on the occasion along with the Founder and Director of Sahana Madura, Rev. Dr. Fracid Anthony Fernando. From left: first row: Rev. Fr. Milinda Wickramasingha, Rev. Fr. Dr. Fracid Anthony Fernando, Esmond De Silva, Rev. Fr. Nandana Saparamadu, Rev. Fr. Chrishantha Fernando. Second row from left: Nimal Fernando, Malcolm Jansz, Anil Gomis, Mrs. Shrinika Fonseka, Miss. Yvonne Silva, Mrs. Sureka De Silva, Miss Nimali Randeniya, Pradeep Anthony and Prasad Dharmaratne.



The new building complex of the Ginigathena Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society constructed at a cost of Rs. 8 million was opened by the Central Province Chief Minister Sarath Ekanayake recently. Chairman of the CPC Transport Authority, W.G. Ranasinghe (second from right) looks on.
Pic: G.A. Gunasena, Ginigathena Spl. Cor.



An Islamic religious ceremony was held at the Ihsaniyyah Arabic College, Colombo to mark ITN's 34th anniversary. Here ITN Chairman Rosmand Senaratne presents a memento to Deputy Principal, Arabic College, Moulavi M.F.M. Farood. Working Director P.G. Dassanayake, Director Hashim Omar, General Manager, Anura Siriwardena, Deputy General Manager (Programs), Vipula Rathnasiri and Mohamed Irfan were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Sri Lanka Samaja Seva Subhasadaka Sammelanaya, under the patronage of Al Haj Alavi Moulana, Governor, Western Province awarded the Deshasakthi to Mrs. Mirza Ameen at the BMICH recently. A teacher by profession, a founder member of the Women's Bureau of the Moors Islamic Cultural Home and the Young Women's Muslim Association of Colombo 9, Mirza was the first Head Girl of Muslim Ladies College, Colombo 4.

EVENTS

Festival of Sacred Music

The Festival of Sacred Music organised by the Choir of Methodist College, Colombo at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour will be held on Saturday, June 22 at 5 p.m., along with the choirs of Bishops College, Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya, Ladies' College, S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, St. Peter's College and Trinity College, Kandy.

A retiring collection will be taken in aid of the National Christian Council's work to eradicate child abuse.

International Sea Sunday Service

The Mission to Seafarers in Sri Lanka, Colombo will celebrate the International Sea Sunday Service at St. Peter's Church, Fort, Colombo adjoining the police headquarters and the GOH Hotel, on July 14 at 10.15 a.m., the organisers said.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Only in peace can the human mind be free' delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at 9.45 a.m. today at the Anula Nursery School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

Seventy-sixth AGM

The seventy-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Estates Staff's Provident Society will be held today at 10.00 a.m. at the Cey Bank Rest, Badulla Road, Nuwara Eliya, under the patronage of President, P. Ramasivam.

Felicitation ceremony today

The Board of Management of the Ummu Zayiya, Colombo has organised a felicitation ceremony for Kaleefathush Shazuli Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji) on his appointment as Kaleefathul Khulafa by Sheikush Shajaddah His Holiness Ash Sheikh Abdul Qadir Bin Ibrahim Samsudeen Al Fassy Al Makki Ash Shazuli from the Baithul Fassy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

It will be held today at 6.30 p.m at the Ummu Zayiya Masjid. Raisul Mukaddameens and the Mukaddameens will also be honoured at the ceremony.



The annual Ther (chariot) festival of the Sri Venkateswara Maha Vishnu Kovil, Modera was held recently. Here the chief priest and the Trustees Board members perform religious rites, before the commencement of the procession.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The women staff of the Puttalam Base Hospital took part in a competition at the Puttalam Base Hospital premises organised under the guidance of Medical Superintendent, Dr. Ashok Perera to mark Sinhala-Tamil New Year.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



Seventy-nine Grade II Principals of the Sri Lanka Principals Service have been appointed to the Western Province. Here a Principal receives his letter of appointment from the WPC Chief Minister, Prasanna Ranatunga, at a function at the New Town Hall recently. Provincial Minister Udaya Gammanpila, Provincial Education Secretary, S.D. Kodikara look on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Cor.



A protest walk against the slaughter of cattle was held recently at the Ranpokunagama Housing Scheme, Nittambuwa. The pupils of Suchantha Daham Pasala, members of the Baudha Sangamaya, Upasaka Samithiya and the residents participated. The chief incumbent of Ranpokunagama Buddhist Centre, Sasthrapathy Ven. Boliyedde Wimalananda Thera delivered an Anusasana.
Pic: Jayaweera Sugathapala, Attanagalla Spl. Cor.



The Mercantile Inter-Club Netball tournament organised by the Sri Lanka Netball Federation and sponsored by the People's Bank was held in Kurunegala recently. The Mercantile Services Club emerged champions. Here Deputy Manager People's Bank, Kurunegala branch, Sarath Wickramatilleke presents the Vanitha Wasana Challenge Trophy to the champion team. Chairperson, Sri Lanka Netball Federation Mrs. Lakshmi Victoria (centre) looks on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The District Secretary, M. Kingsley Fernando, Mohamed Ziad Haffiz, the founder of Mount of Mercy and K.A. Baiz, Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council unveil the memorial plaque of the Maternity and Child Care Clinic constructed at a cost of Rs. 10 million on the Puttalam-Mannar Road.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



Twenty social workers in the Ampara district were felicitated in Addalaichenai recently, organised by the FEED Sri Lanka at the Addalaichenai Lloyds auditorium. Here one of the social workers being honoured by the Eastern Provincial Director of Department of Social Services, N. Manivannan. President of the organisation, S.M. Zahir Hussain looks on.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Digamadulla district parliamentarian, P.H. Piyasena presents the cheque to one of the beneficiaries of the self-employment loans at the Thirukkivil Divisional Secretariat recently. Thirty low income families benefited by the program. Divisional Secretary Dr. S. Kopalaratnam presided.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



A ceremony was held to felicitate the receptionist cum telephone operator, D.H. Upali of Zahira College, Colombo who had completed 44 years of service recently. Here a member of the Board of Governors, Prof. M.T.A. Furkhan presents a cash award to Upali. Principal Trizvi Marikkar and Chairman of the BOG, Fowzul Hameed look on.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, Colombo presented an ambulance and a hearse to the Alavi Moulana Foundation, a gift of Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation. Here Abdul Hamid Al Mulla, Ambassador of UAE in Sri Lanka presents the set of keys to the Governor, Western Province, Alavi Moulana. Managing Director, Turkey Inter-Cultural Global Foundation, Nageeb Moulana was also present.
Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Officials of the Vidatha Centre, Bulugahapitiya, Eheliyagoda held a one-day training program on 'Vegetable Dehydration Process' for housewives at the Walgama Ayurvedic Establishment, Wiyalagoda recently.
Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



A new e-learning centre built at a cost of Rs. 4.7 million was opened at the Addalaichenai Arafah Vidyalaya in the Akkaraipattu Educational Zone by Information Technology Minister Ranjith Siyambalapatiya recently. Here the Minister is being honoured with a golden shawl by the school community. Senior Minister P. Dayaratna, Digamadulla district parliamentarian Sriyani Wijewickrama, Eastern Province Road Development Minister M.S. Udumalebbe, Eastern Provincial Council Member A.L.M. Naseer, Akkaraipattu Zonal Director of Education, A.L.M. Cassim and Principal A.L.K. Mohamed were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.

Dr. Malalasekera appointed President

Dr. Mahinda P. Malalasekera was elected unanimously as President 2013/14 held recently at the Annual General Meeting of the Kalutara District Association of the Justices of Peace.

A well-known social worker, Dr. Malalasekera is associated with the Sri Lanka Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, All Ceylon Buddhist Congress, Sri Lanka Eye-Donation Society, Sri Lanka Scouts' Association, and the Archaeological Society of Sri Lanka.



The Coconut Development and State Plantations Development Ministry plans to expand coconut cultivation in the Puttalam district by planting 400,000 seedlings this year. Here Victor Antony Perera, Puttalam district parliamentarian speaks at a conference of State employees on Kapruka Purawara program at Mundalama Divisional Secretariat recently.
Pic: S.M. Wijayarathne, Kurunegala Cor.



The Organisation for Muslim Students Education and Development (OMSED) organised a youth convention on the theme, 'Let us build our motherland' at the Postal Department headquarters auditorium recently. Here Vice President, OMSED, Manoo Aboobucker speaks on the occasion.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Minister of Higher Education S.B. Dissanayake and Minister of Justice Rauff Hakeem were the chief guests at the Tamil Service of the Final Round Inter-School Quiz Competition and prize-giving of the Arivuch Churamgam program, conducted among students of Tamil language schools in the Kandy district at the Ashraff Memorial auditorium, Madina National School, Madawala Bazaar recently.
Pic: H.A. Shakoore, Pathadumbura Spl. Cor.