



The Local Government heads' meeting of the Western Province was held at the Ministry auditorium recently, under the patronage of WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga. Here the Provincial Local Government Commissioner Chandrani Samarakoon addresses the meeting. Chief Secretary, Jayanthi Wijethunga, Educational Secretary, S.T. Kodikara and Legal Officer, Palitha Abeywardene are also in the picture.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



A mobile seminar to educate the public on the *Deyata Kirula* scheduled to be held in Kurunegala in 2014 was held at the Wadawa Purana Vihara, Alawwa recently. Here Kurunegala District parliamentarian and SLEP organiser for Dambadeniya Shantha Bandara addresses the gathering. Viharadhipathi Ven. Ganekande Chandrarathana Thera and Alawwa Divisional Secretary, M.A.S. Beligolla are also in the picture.
Pic: A. Keerthisinghe, Alawwa Spl. Cor.



A ceremony to felicitate the senior incumbent of Sri Muthumariamman kovil, Matale, Sivashri Mani Sivagnana kurukkal for his valuable services rendered to the Hindu community was held at the Sri Muthumariamman kovil, Jampettah Street, Colombo 13, organised by the Sri Vidya Hindu Religious Peedam. Here the kurukkal is draped with a golden shawl after receiving the title, *Kumbabiseka Guru Mani*. Chief Priest, S. Sivanesa Sharma, President's Co-ordinator for Hindu Religious Affairs, R. Babu Sharma and the Trustees Board members participated.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The inaugural meeting of the Panadura-Totamuna Media Forum was held at the Panadura Divisional Secretariat, under the patronage of the Divisional Secretary W.K. Wijesiri recently. Here Wijesiri addresses the meeting.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The second consecutive annual blood donation campaign organised by the Panadura, Werawatha Thawheed Jumma Masjid and Panadura PCH Dias Memorial Kethumathie Women's Hospital was held at the Masjid recently. Here a volunteer donates blood.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



North Western Provincial Councillor, N.T.M. Thahir presents a set of books to the Chief Librarian of the Puttalam Public Library, Naila Rani Ibrahim. Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz looks on.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



Books were donated to 15 Daham school libraries in the Madurawala Pradeshiya Sabha organised by the Chairman of the Madurawala Pradeshiya Sabha, Pushpajith Seelawickrama at the Pradeshiya Sabha auditorium recently. Fifteen parcels, each worth Rs. 25,000 were presented by the Secretary of the Madurawala Pradeshiya Sabha, Sadasceli Kariyawasam to the Waliketella Sri Gunaratana Daham School library.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A staff officer of the Bank of Ceylon Akkaraipattu branch, M.I. Jaleel who is on transfer to the Sammanthurai branch was accorded a farewell recently. Here the Manager M.I.M. Haniffa presents a gift to Jaleel. Asst. Manager, S.A. Habbar, Executive Officers, A.B.A. Gaffoor and A.R.M. Thawfeek were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The President of the Football Federation of Sri Lanka, W. Ranjith Rodrigo presented footballs to team captains in Puttalam town. J.M. Jawzi, Treasurer and Secretary, Puttalam Football League are also in the picture.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



The National Unity Journalists' Association (NUJA) organised a ceremony to felicitate senior journalist and Lake House correspondent Meera M. Ismail recently. Here Ismail is being draped with a golden shawl by senior lawyer S.M.A. Gaffoor. Eastern Provincial Councillor A.L. Thavam, Addalaichenai Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman M.A. Anzil, Pradeshiya Sabha member S.L. Munas and Dr. K.L.M. Nakfer were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



A ceremony to felicitate two journalists for their valuable contributions to the community was organised by the Colombo Tamil Sangam and the Colombo Muslim Library recently. Here President, of the Sangam, Prof. Seba Jayarasa presents a memento to one of the veterans Mrs. Furkan Iftikhar, while the Vice President of the Library, Dr. Thasim Ahamed looks on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Branch Manager of the Bank of Ceylon, Akkaraipattu, M.I.M. Haniffa who is on transfer to the Eastern Province office, Trincomalee was accorded a farewell recently. Here the Thambiluvil Branch Manager, S. Perinparajah presents a gift to Haniffa. Akkaraipattu Manager, M. Athambawa, Executive Officers, A.B.A. Gaffoor, A.R.M. Thawfeek and S.P. Girtharan were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The Group of '90 Zahira College, Colombo organised the annual 15th (Break-fast) ceremony and presented five computers to the College at the Booker Reception Hall, Colombo recently. Here the President of the Group, Sharan Lafir presents the cheque to the Principal, Trizvi Marikkar.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The award ceremony organised by the Organisation of Muslim Students Education and Development (OMSED) was held at the Postal Department headquarters auditorium for students who passed the GCE A/L. Here veteran announcer B.H. Abdul Hameed presents a memento to a student. OMSED President M.T.M. Alavi looks on.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



A well-known social worker in Wellawatte, Sellappa Pathmanathan was felicitated at the Colombo Tamil Sangam for his valuable services to the community. Here TNA leader, R. Sampanthan drapes a Golden Shawl around Pathmanathan.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Twenty-first Festival of Choirs

The 21st Festival of Choirs of the Ceylon Bible Society will be held at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour, Colombo 7 on August 1 at 5.15 p.m. Choirs of the following will participate. St. Anthony's College, Kandy, Methodist College, Colombo 3, Christ King College, Pannipitiya, Logos College, Colombo 6, People's Church, Narahenpita, Prestantia Chorale, directed by Dr. Priyeshni Peiris Perera and the Inspiration Choir, directed by Priyanthi Seneviratne Van Dort will participate in the festival.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Conflict and beauty" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

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Transport Minister Kumara Welgama inaugurates the new bus service between Panadura and Thotawatta recently.
Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Past Pupils' Association of Muslim Ladies College, Colombo organised a pre-Ramazan sale at the school premises recently. Here Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie with former Colombo Municipal Council Special Commissioner, Omar Kamil open the bazaar. Principal Dr. Hajarjahan Munsoor, Vice Principal M. Mubarak, PPA Vice President Ms. Feroza Muzammil and SDS Secretary M.S.M. Mubarak were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Mashoor Moulana Sports Complex and the late H.L. Jamaldeen SP Memorial Pavillion at Maruthamunai built at a cost of Rs. 150 million was opened by Kalmunai Mayor Dr. Siras Meerasahib recently, under the patronage of President of the Football Federation of Ampara district, A.M. Rakeeb. Municipal Commissioner, J. Liyakathali, Eng. Suhaive Jamaldeen and Chairman, Regional Development Football Federation of Sri Lanka, Hurley Silveira were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The General Manager of the Puttalam Salt Producers' Association and Inquirer into Sudden Deaths, B.M. Hisam presents a computer printer, donated by the Puttalam Salt Producers' Welfare Association to the OIC of the Crime Branch of the Puttalam police, Kumarasinghe.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



A new electricity project was commissioned by the Akkaraipattu Mayor, A. Ahamed Zackie at the Akkaraipattu Muslim Burial Grounds recently. Municipal Commissioner A.L.M. Azmi, Councillors N.M. Najimudeen, K.L.M. Zarook and A.L. Junaideen were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Plastic chairs were donated to the Werellahena Sport Club Kulupana - Werellahena Death donation Society and the Kulupana Youth Society, financed by the member of the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Sanath Vipulajewa recently in Werellahena. Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka and PS member Ajith Premachandra were also present.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A workshop on the importance of a "National Youth Policy" was held recently with the participation of Colombo University undergraduates. Here National Youth Council Chairman Director General Lalith Pium Perera delivers the keynote address. Prof. Ajantha Hapuarachchi, Krishan Siriwardena of the Colombo University and media personality Anushad Wedge were also present.