

President's visit to Middle East



President Rajapaksa, First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa, Palestinian President Dr. Mahmoud Abbas attending the Christmas Eve Mass at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.



President Mahmoud Abbas, on behalf of the Government of Palestine conferring President Mahinda Rajapaksa with the "Star of Palestine" – the highest award of the State of Palestine.



Israel President Shimon Peres welcomes President Rajapaksa at the Presidential palace.



President Rajapaksa received by the King of Jordan in Amman.



President Rajapaksa and Palestinian President Dr. Mahmoud Abbas stand to attention for the national anthem.



President Rajapaksa plants an Olive tree in Jerusalem.



President Rajapaksa being presented with a memento in Israel.



President Rajapaksa meets the Sri Lankan community in Israel.

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President Rajapaksa with Israel President Shimon Peres in Jerusalem.



President Rajapaksa and Palestinian President Dr. Mahmoud Abbas witness the signing of agreement on setting up of the Sri Lanka-Palestine Joint Commission and the MOU on the establishment of the Mahinda Rajapaksa Vocational Training Centre by External Affairs Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris and Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction Minister Dr. Mohammad I, Shtayyeh.



President Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa at the banquet hosted by Israel President Shimon Peres.



President Rajapaksa and Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hold discussions at the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem.



President Rajapaksa receives a memento on his visit to the Grove of Nations Forest in Jerusalem.



President Rajapaksa holds discussions with a group of Israeli businessmen.