

President Mahinda Rajapaksa hoists the National Flag at the Victory Day celebrations in Matara



President Rajapaksa, First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa and other dignitaries stand to attention for the National Anthem.

**Day celebrations** in Matara

Parade by Navy personnel.



Sri Lanka Air Force paratroopers in action



Members of the Maha Sangha and religious dignitaries.



President Rajapaksa being welcomed by Prime Minister D.M. Jayaratne and Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa.



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa, Defence Ministry Seva Vanitha Unit Chairperson Ioma Rajapaksa and other guests.



President Rajapaksa reviews the military parade



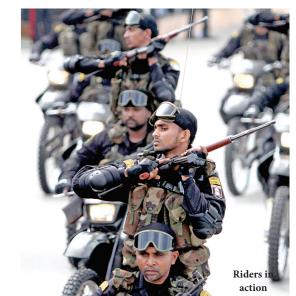






Security Forces personnel in the march past.

A section of the foreign diplomats





The parade by Air Force personnel.

The parade by women police personnel.





Armoured vehicles





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War Heroes with their commanding officers