



Party supporters in Soysapura celebrated the victory of President Maithripala Sirisena recently. Moratuwa UNP Chief Organiser and Western Provincial Councillor Senaka Damayanda was the chief guest. Here Dr. Ananda Dharmaratne addresses the gathering. Registrar of the Sasanarakshaka Mandalaya, Moratuwa chief priest of the Soysapura Sambodhi Nugashrama Vihara, Ven. Weliyulle Damitha Thera and Ven. Bogadeniya Sumanarathne Thera are also in the picture.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



R.J. Silva's *Srimath Anagarika Dharmapala Charithapadanya* won the award for the best book on Buddhism at the competition organised by the All Ceylon Buddhist Congress recently. Here he receives his award and prize from former Prime Minister D.M. Jayaratne. President, ACCBC Jagath Sumathipala, Vasantha de Silva, M.K.B. Dissanayake and the publisher Dayawansa Jayakody look on.



Minister of Public Administration Karu Jayasuriya assumed duties at the Ministry office, Colombo recently. Here Ven. Thiniyawala Palitha Thera conducts a *Pirith deshanaya*. Ven. Gampaha Vijaya Damma Thera, former Minister W.D.J. Seneviratne, Dr (Mrs) Wasantha Jayasuriya, former State Minister U.L.M. Farook and Central Provincial Councillor Mayantha Dissanayake are also in the picture.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



North Western Provincial Councillor Chinthaka Amal Mayadhunna presented loudspeakers to the Madurankuli Thoduwa Church recently. Here the Councillor presents the equipment to the parish priest.

Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.



Finance Minister Ravi Karunanayake assumed duties at the Ministry recently. Here the Minister signs the first document. Secretary Dr. R.H.S. Amaratunga and senior ministry officials are also in the picture.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Sri Lankan Muslim community organised a reception for the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Rishard Bathiudeen at the Excellency Hall, Wellawatte, Colombo 6 recently. Here M.M. Rafeek drapes a golden shawl around Minister Bathiudeen. Hashim Omar and artist Kalaichelwan are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Kalutara district party supporters celebrated the victory of President Maithripala Sirisena recently. Here Western Provincial Councillor of Kalutara district, Iththar Jameel, ex-Provincial Councillor, M.M.M. Amjad enjoy milk rice.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Party supporters in Panadura, Thotawatta served milk rice, sweets and soft drinks to celebrate the victory of President Maithripala Sirisena, under the patronage of Panadura Pradeshhiya Sabha Opposition Leader M.N.M. Thahir Fassy.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



A CD of Iyyappa Swamy devotional songs titled *Ananda Jothiye* sung by R. Ravindran Kurusamy was launched at the Vivekananda Society Hall, Kotahena, Colombo 13 recently. Here Ravindran presents the first CD to Secretary, International Hindu Religious Peedam, R. Babu Sarma. The Trustees of Sri Ponnambalawaneswarar Kovil, Colombo, D.M. Swaminathan, Sri Sivasubramaniar Swamy Kovil, Ginthupitiya, D. Perinbanayagam and Ravi Kurusamy look on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Colombo District Ahadhiyyah Schools Federation organised the President's Cup cricket tournament at the Umagiliya Public grounds, Kolonnawa recently. NMWA Ahadhiyyah School, Maligawatte became champions in the final. Here captain M.J.M. Arshad and members of the team with the Cup and the chief guest, Federation President, M.R.M. Zarook. Federation Secretary, S.M. Shazuli, Hulftsdorp YMMA Secretary, Ashroff Rumi and Project Chairman Fawzan Shazuli were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The *Gaurava* Award ceremony for 38 senior members of Ekamuthu Samithiya, Hendala was held recently. Here senior member D.C. Jayasinghe (right) receives an award from the chief organiser, Christie Perera. Members Lakshan Alahakoon, Raymond Perera and Neil Wijeratne were also present.

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A well-known social worker in Wattala, Mrs. Ratna Rupasinghe donated valuable books to the Public Library of the Wattala Municipal Council. Here she presents a set of book to the Librarian, Mrs. V.R.P. Inoka Manori. Chairman, Wattala-Mabola Municipal Council, A.H.M. Naushad, Council Secretary, Mrs. D.P.H. Samarawickrama were also present.

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President Maithripala Sirisena's victory was celebrated all over the island. Here the *Maithri Palanayak* cutouts being displayed by the youth in Thotawatta, Panadura.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The *Maha Kumbabishekam* festival of Sri Bathrakali Amman Kovil, Nawakelanipura, Wellampitiya was held recently. Here the blessed *Kumbam* is being presented by the chief priest, Sivashri S. Sivaneshan Kurukkal (left) to the Kurukkal, Sivashri P. Shanmugeswara Sivachariyar. R. Babu Sarma is also in the picture.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



An inter-school essay competition was held in the Panadura Educational Zone recently, to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Anagarika Dharmapala. Here a winner receives a certificate from the chief guest Dr. Eranga Pathirana, Chief Medical Officer, Panadura Base Hospital. Dr. Upali Jayawardena of Mothrodaya Society, Panadura look on.

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EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Thought and time are the root of fear" 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.



The new Secretary of the Finance Ministry, Dr. R.H.S. Amaratunga assumed duties at the Ministry office, Colombo recently. Senior Ministry officials are also in the picture.

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The Board of Trustees of Ummu Zavaya Mosque, Colombo 12 organised the 112th Year *Shamail Muhammadiyah* of Meelad un Nabi celebrations, to mark Prophet Mohamed's birthday at the mosque recently. Here Kaleefathul Kulafa Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji), Ihsaniyyah Arabic College, Colombo, Principal, Moulavi M.Z. Hussain conduct the Mowlood ceremony. Ummu Zavaya Managing Trustees Al Haj. Macky Hashim, Religious Committee Chairman, Al-Haj Fawzan Anver and the ulemas were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



North Western Provincial Councillor S.H.M. Niyas awards the medal and presents a bicycle to a team member of Puttalam Zahira National College, who won the third place at the national level, under 17 football tournament, organised by the School Football Federation. Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz is also in the picture.

Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.

Saama Sri Deshabhimani

Silumina journalist Nishani Lasika Herath Banneheka was awarded the title *Saama Sri Deshabhimani* for her social and religious services at a ceremony at the Tangalle Urban Council, under the patronage of the New Unity Forum.



Principal of Al Jamiyathul Fassiyyathul Shazuliya Arabic College, China Fort, Beruwala, Moulavi M.A.M. Asmi Khan's book *Value of Zikr* was launched recently at the Ummu Zavaya Mosque, Colombo recently. Here the author Moulavi Asmi Khan presents the first copy to Al Haj Macky Hashim. Kaleefathul Kulafa Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji) and Colombo district SLFP organiser, Fawzan Anver were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The All Ceylon Conference organised the 65th Meelad un Nabi (Holy Prophet Mohamed's birthday celebrations) at the Dr. A.M.A. Azeez auditorium, YMMA National Headquarters, Colombo 9 recently. Weligama Rifaiya Arabic College Principal, Moulavi Al Haj M.S.M. Abdullah was the guest speaker. President, M.T.M. Thassim, Religious Affairs Committee Chairman and Sri Lanka Freedom Party's Colombo district organiser, Fawzan Anver and Past President, Haleem A. Azeez were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A get-together of the Angurukaramulla Elders' Unity Organisation was held in Negombo recently to greet the elders in the New Year 2015. Here a section of the office-bearers poses with them.