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PS Kingfishers are a delight to observe and photograph. Easter Attack: Catholic Church rejects forensic report confirming Sarah Jasmine's death. A bankrupt country demands urgent system changes to ensure genuine free and fair elections.

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ISSUING its concluding observations following the review of Sri Lanka's sixth periodic report under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the UN Human Rights Committee (CCPR) has reminded the Sri Lankan Government of the need to repeal the draconian Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA).

UN body reminds SL Government of need to repeal and replace PTA

Lanka (HRCSL), counter-terrorism measures, and liberty and security of persons. With regard to the HRCSL, the CCPR called on the Government to ensure that the body fully complies with the Paris Principles, ensures transparency in the appointment process of its members, and provides sufficient resources to carry out its mandate effectively and independently in all parts of the country.

Human Rights Watch says Government must ensure policies to enhance revenues do not further worsen economic and social rights situation of the people.

IMF loan risks eroding rights of Sri Lankans: HRW

although the loan focuses on growing revenues and emphasises tackling corruption and improving social protection, the program as structured risks further undermining people's economic and social rights.

Expolanka acquires Canadian logistics major for Rs. 22 b

SRI Lanka's most valuable company, Expolanka Holdings PLC, has signalled its aggressive expansion by acquiring a Canadian logistics giant LEI Group for a staggering Rs. 22 billion.



Canadian logistics company with a history of nearly 47 years offering a full suite of logistics services, including ocean freight, air freight, warehousing, customs brokerage, rail services, distribution, fulfillment, domestic trucking, and drayage.

COYLE urges Government to engage biz leaders in policy-making

Stresses such approach will ensure fair, sustainable and economically sound decisions. THE Chamber of Young Lankan Entrepreneurs (COYLE) has urged the Government to engage business leaders in policy-making process to ensure fair, sustainable and economically sound decisions.

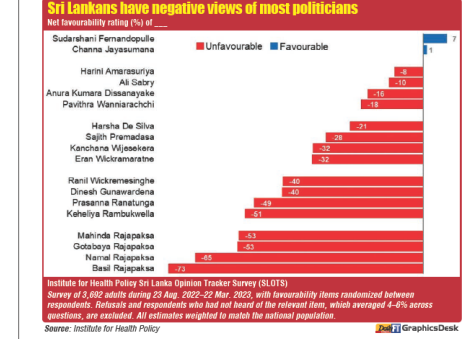


PickMe reduces prices further on km rate to Rs. 68

PICKME said yesterday it will continue to be market leaders in prices in the taxi-hailing market with them further bringing down the charge per kilometre to Rs. 68.

Sri Lankans continue to hold unfavourable views of all political party leaders

Most more unpopular than French President Macron, with only a few having a small positive rating. SRI Lankans continue to have deeply unfavourable views of most politicians a year after the economic and political collapse in early 2022, and despite progress in recent months in stabilising the economy and in negotiations with the IMF.



DSI obtains enjoining order against infringement of its AVI Brand

THE Commercial High Court Judge Priyantha Fernando earlier this week issued an enjoining order against the Defendant, AVI Clothing, for engaging in the business of selling clothing with a brand name identical or confusingly similar to the AVI trademark and brand.

Trump indicted, first US President to face criminal charges

NEW YORK, AFP: A New York grand jury indicted Donald Trump on Thursday over hush-money payments made to a porn star during his 2016 campaign, making him the first former US President to face criminal charges.

THE Colombo stock market managed to close with a gain yesterday with improved investor sentiment.

Both indices gained by 0.7% whilst turnover rose to a three-month high of Rs. 4.2 billion due to a transfer of 2.2% stake in LOLC General Insurance.

CSE rebounds; LOLC General Insurance boosts turnover to 3-month high

which the Central Bank ensured the proposed debt restructuring strategy will not impact the country's banking sector, which was seen as a key positive during the session.