

The politics of corruption

"Seek ye first the kingdoms of politics and all else shall be added unto you."

Illustration created in the base of the statue of St. Michael stands the law courts in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.



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Bismarck on its social, political and economic ramifications

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Portrait of a man

Some Social Conditions Underlying Corruption

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Corruption: Govt. silence, rhetoric

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Breach of policy statement?

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Honesty and hurly Burleigh in politics

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Shine a light on corruption

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Corruption: the stumbling block of government

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Immunity of a president

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Corruption — How the mighty are fallen...!

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A case study for Chandrika

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Bribery: Ranil sends clear signal

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Something rotten in the state

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Seeking justice on the deals

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10th SAARC silent on graft

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Graft: prompting mismanagement

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Graft: Lacuna in SAARC

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Cronyism, corruption and economic debacles

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Revealing excerpts from Nihal's book 'Derivative/Hedging Deals'

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Rooting out graft

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Captains of industry absolved from guilt?



Two men in suits, likely industry leaders, in a meeting.

...of the industry, the industry leaders are absolved from guilt...

Free press frees people from shackles of corruption



Freedom of the press is not a luxury. It is not an extra. It is absolutely at the core of equitable development - World Bank President

'Hedging-gate' Gambling with poor people's monies



Guest Column: Hedging-gate. Gambling with poor people's monies. The World Bank's hedging strategy...

Omitted from agenda



A group of people sitting around a table in a meeting.

World Bank grants Rs. 1.45 billion to rejuvenate judicial system and infrastructure

The World Bank has approved a credit facility amounting to Rs. 1.45 billion to Sri Lanka for a major legal and judicial reform project...

World Bank VP here for policy dialogue

World Bank vice president for South Asia Rajesh M. Shah... On Tuesday the Sri Lanka Ministry officials will meet the World Bank...



Portrait of a woman, likely a World Bank official.

Biggest New Year gift for Lanka

Aid donors pledge one billion dollars a year at Washington meeting

Washington, D.C. - One billion dollars a year in aid from donor nations...



Independence of Judiciary is not advancement of partisan interest - Chief Justice

A constitutional amendment leads Chief Justice Sarath N. Silva to the Colombo High Court...

US-WorldCom, executives ordered to appear in Congress as fraud probe widens

Accounting experts said that dispiriting day-to-day expenses on capital expenses - which can be amortized over as much as 40 years - are a fundamental question for auditors.

WB for peace, growth and equity in Sri Lanka

Links unprecedented \$ 1 b aid to several key challenges

World Bank (WB) which has pledged US\$ 1 billion for Sri Lanka...

TISL expresses concern over judicial system

Transparency International (TISL) expressed concern over what it describes as certain events that have taken place in the criminal case involving the Chairman of Sri Lanka Telecom...

World Bank says poverty to blame for civil wars

Some countries are more prone to civil wars than others but distant history and ethnic tensions are rarely the best explanations...

Sri Lanka in "A Muddling-Through Situation"

WB Country Director says "corruption is the biggest enemy of the poor"

The World Bank (WB) Country Director, Peter Herold, pointed out that additional donor support to Sri Lanka would only come when it was clear that there is significant support for the peace process...

Putting out the word to combat corruption

Washington - World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz said that governments are the best equipped to combat corruption...

World Bank reaffirms better governance pays off

The World Bank reaffirmed its commitment to better governance as a key to economic growth and poverty reduction...

WB boss to fight corruption in his own organisation

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World Bank unveils strategy to combat corruption

WASHINGTON, April 13, 2006 World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz today unveiled a comprehensive strategy for tackling corruption, a serious impediment to development and effective governments...



World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz (right) with Indonesian Ambassador during his visit to Jakarta, Indonesia.

Is aid disappearing down a black hole?

Outgoing World Bank Country Director Peter Harold sounds a dire warning

The outgoing Country Director of the World Bank in Sri Lanka warned that donors could well pull the plug on general funding allocations, if their assistance to the island nation continues to go down a black hole. He said that the government will be asked to provide a credible assurance to the donor community that the aid money is being used for the intended purposes and not disappearing down a black hole.

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Peter Harold, outgoing World Bank Country Director.

WB launches voluntary disclosure program

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Punishments reflect resolve to fight graft

International co-operation essential to extradite suspects in economic crimes

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SL growth pattern "alarming" - WB

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Country Director of the World Bank in Sri Lanka has expressed concern over the growth pattern in the island nation. He said that the high growth of poverty, bureaucratic regulation, increased electricity costs, lack of infrastructure, and lack of skilled HR are key impediments to growth.



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Aid and the graft factor

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Richard Vokes, ADB Country Director.

World Bank leader in anti-graft hotseat

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Fresh probe into failed finance companies

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Scandal - hit WB chief refuses to resign

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Corruption in low-income countries requires global action

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IMF chief calls for good domestic policies

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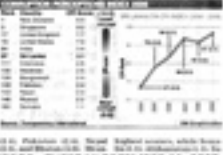
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Bribery Commission DG out. So what?

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By Suman & Anura...

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It was in this context that he suggested good domestic policies can help countries especially developing and poorer nations.

Impact of bribery and corruption on business

Some companies manage to survive and get away with bribery and corruption while others get caught up in public scandals that cost them a fortune destroying their brands, alienating investors and ultimately losing out on business, says bribery and corruption expert...

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SUPREME COURT MOVES IN TO ENSURE GOOD GOVERNANCE

The Supreme Court has taken a significant step towards ensuring good governance by...

US report highlights corrupt Lankan deals

A report from the US State Department highlights the extent of corruption in Sri Lanka's deals...

Who's responsible for corruption?

Who is responsible for the rampant corruption in Sri Lanka? The report points to various stakeholders...

UN Convention against Corruption: Is Sri Lanka in default?

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President says at launch of Mahinda Chintana Manifesto

President Ma Ying-jeou has said that the Mahinda Chintana Manifesto is a blueprint for a better future...

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GAP Report: Inaction on corruption in Sri Lanka

The Global Access Programme (GAP) report highlights the inaction on corruption in Sri Lanka...

My aim country sans bribery, corruption

President Ma Ying-jeou has expressed his aim to see his country free from bribery and corruption...

Community Development and Livelihood Improvement Project

The World Bank provides Rs. 8.6 billion credit for the Community Development and Livelihood Improvement Project...

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FREE REIN FOR BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION

56 top investigation officers transferred overnight, a move seen as a signal of support for bribery and corruption...

INDIA'S COSMETIC EXERCISE AGAINST CORRUPTION

India's efforts to combat corruption are seen as a cosmetic exercise, with little real impact...

WB to double funds to Sri Lanka

The World Bank is doubling its funds for Sri Lanka, supporting its economic development...

Combining war and business!

The combination of war and business is a complex issue that requires careful management...

Hosni Mubarak is richest person in the world!

LONDON (AFP): Gusted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, reportedly ailing with cancer, may be the richest man in the world...

Ceylon Chamber new Chief Susantha to do 'what is right and relevant'

Susantha Ratnayake has been elected as the new Chief of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce...

Delhi moves to curb corruption at the top

Delhi has taken steps to curb corruption at the top, aiming to improve governance...

Power of people empowered by Moral Authority and Legitimacy

The power of people is empowered by moral authority and legitimacy, a key principle of good governance...

CIMOGG LAUNCHES BOOK ON GOOD GOVERNANCE AND THE RULE OF LAW

The Centre for International Migration and Governance (CIMOGG) has launched a book on good governance and the rule of law...

ADB powers up US\$ 120 m loan

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has increased its loan to US\$ 120 million for sustainable power development in Sri Lanka...

IMF calls for transparency

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) calls for greater transparency in Sri Lanka's economic data...

Battling corruption

Battling corruption is a continuous process that requires the involvement of all stakeholders...

Bribes - taking, giving, when and why not?

The article discusses the ethical implications of bribery and the factors that influence when and why it occurs...

IMF calls for transparency, good governance

The IMF calls for transparency and good governance in the local private sector to attract investment...

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Corruption and its effect on business and nations

Corruption has a significant negative impact on business and nations, hindering economic growth...

For a cleaner, stronger public service

Speech made by Mr. Lalith Weeratura, Secretary to the President at the inauguration of the Clean Hands campaign

I am extremely happy to be at this simple but yet distinguished gathering. It is indeed a privilege to be associated with a concept such as Clean Hands. At a time when fingers are being pointed at the public service, an initiative of this nature is not only laudable, but also to be supported.



Lalith Weeratura

I want to talk about a very sensitive issue also. What if you are compelled or coerced to aid and abet something that is ethically and morally wrong? Many of us may have had to undergo that bitter experience.

That's where again we need to be different and withstand any pressure to give in and be a part of corruption, malpractice or any misdemeanor. That is how we

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FORMER CJ CONVICTS MILITARY CHAPLAIN IN RWANDA MILITARY TRIBUNAL

By SUSITHA R. FERNANDO

JUSTICE

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, presided over by Sri Lanka's Former Chief Justice, Asoka de Silva, convicted former military chaplain Emmanuel Rukundo and sentenced him to 25 years in jail.



Asoka de Silva

Rukundo was charged with three counts of genocide, murder and extermination which were crimes against humanity while serving as the military chaplain of the Rwanda Armed Forces (RAE)

ment he was posted in Ruhengeri and Gisenvi military sec-

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Ex-CJ sentences Rwanda army chief to 30 years

By SUSITHA R. FERNANDO

Delivering the judgment of UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), the tribunal presided over by Sri Lanka's former Chief Justice Asoka de Silva re-



Asoka de Silva

cently convicted former Rwandan army chief Augustin Bizimungu to 30 years imprisonment for his role in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

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Ex-CJ sentences...

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In addition the tribunal also sentenced two other generals Francois-Xavier Nzuwonemeye and Innocent Sagahutu to 20 years imprisonment while convicting ex-paramilitary Police Chief Augustin Nindiliyimana but released him for the time already served. The trial opened on September 20, 2004 and closed on June 26, 2009 after 395 trial days, and the Trial Chamber, composed of Judges Asoka de Silva, Presiding, Taghrid Hikmet and Seon ki Park had to listen to the evidence given by nearly 250 witnesses before delivering the judgment.



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portant tribunal relating to Rwandan Genocide in which some 800,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed in the 100-day genocide. The tribunal also tried crimes against humanity and war crimes, which are defined as violations of Common Article Three and Additional Protocol II of the Geneva Conventions.

Rwanda's genocide was sparked by the death of former President Juvenal Habyarimana who was killed when his plane was shot down close to the capital, Kigali, on 6 April 1994. Bizimungu and Nindiliyimana are two of the most senior figures to be sentenced by the ICTR established in Arusha in neighbour-

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 - Former Chief of Staff of the Gendarmerie Nationale Nindiliyimana sentenced to time served since 2000 and released.

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Former CJ Asoka de Silva said that this was one of the three UN International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and told that it took extra time due to a large number of witnesses and nearly 300 to 400 documents that had to be examined. He said that this type of multi-accused cases take long time due to complexity of the cases and large number of witnesses and documentary evidence. "This particular tribunal was called 'Military II' while there are two other tribunals named 'Government I and Government II' which started earlier and still pending trial," Mr. de Silva who is also one of the nine permanent judges of the UN International Criminal Tribunal told the Daily Mirror.

1994: RWANDA

In 100-day period following twin assassinations of presidents of Rwanda and Burundi, Hutu extremists kill up to 800,000 people, mostly from Tutsi minority



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ing Tanzania to try the ring-leaders behind the killings. Nindiliyimana was Chief of Staff of the Gendarmerie Nationale while Bizimungu was Chief of Staff of Rwanda Armed Forces, Nzuwonemeye was Commander of the Reconnaissance Battalion (RECCE) within the Rwandan Army and Sagahutu was the second-in-command of the RECCE and the "A" company commander of the Battalion. The Trial Chamber convicted Nindiliyimana on four counts of genocide, crimes against humanity (murder and extermination

and violations of Article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocol II (murder). The Trial Chamber found Augustin Bizimungu guilty on six counts of genocide, crimes against humanity for murder, extermination and rape and violations of Article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocol II (murder, rape, humiliating treatment). He was however acquitted on the count of conspiracy to commit genocide while the count of complicity to commit genocide was dismissed.

Delivering the judgment of UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), the tribunal presided over by Sri Lanka's former Chief Justice Asoka de Silva recently convicted former Rwandan army chief Augustin Bizimungu to 30 years imprisonment for his role in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda

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Former CJ's Unprecedented Role In Political Office

By Raisa Wickrematunge

The recent appointment of former Chief Justice Asoka de Silva as legal advisor to the President has raised eyebrows amongst the legal fraternity.



Asoka de Silva

Senior constitutional lawyer, R. K. W. Gunasekara said that there was no clear indication of the tasks Presidential advisors were meant to perform. "No-one knows how they're selected and what

they do," he said. He added that the Attorney General's department consisted wholly of senior state officers whose job was to advise the President, and as such there was little room for a legal advisor.

Gunasekara said that the advisors consisted of a 'hodge-podge collection of individuals... most of whom could be termed as good friends of the Government', as was revealed when an Opposition MP asked for the names of the President's advisors in Parliament.

He emphasised that de Silva had not shown any partiality towards the Government during his rulings, and as such, the independence of the judiciary would not be compromised. **Over to page 2**

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Former CJ's..

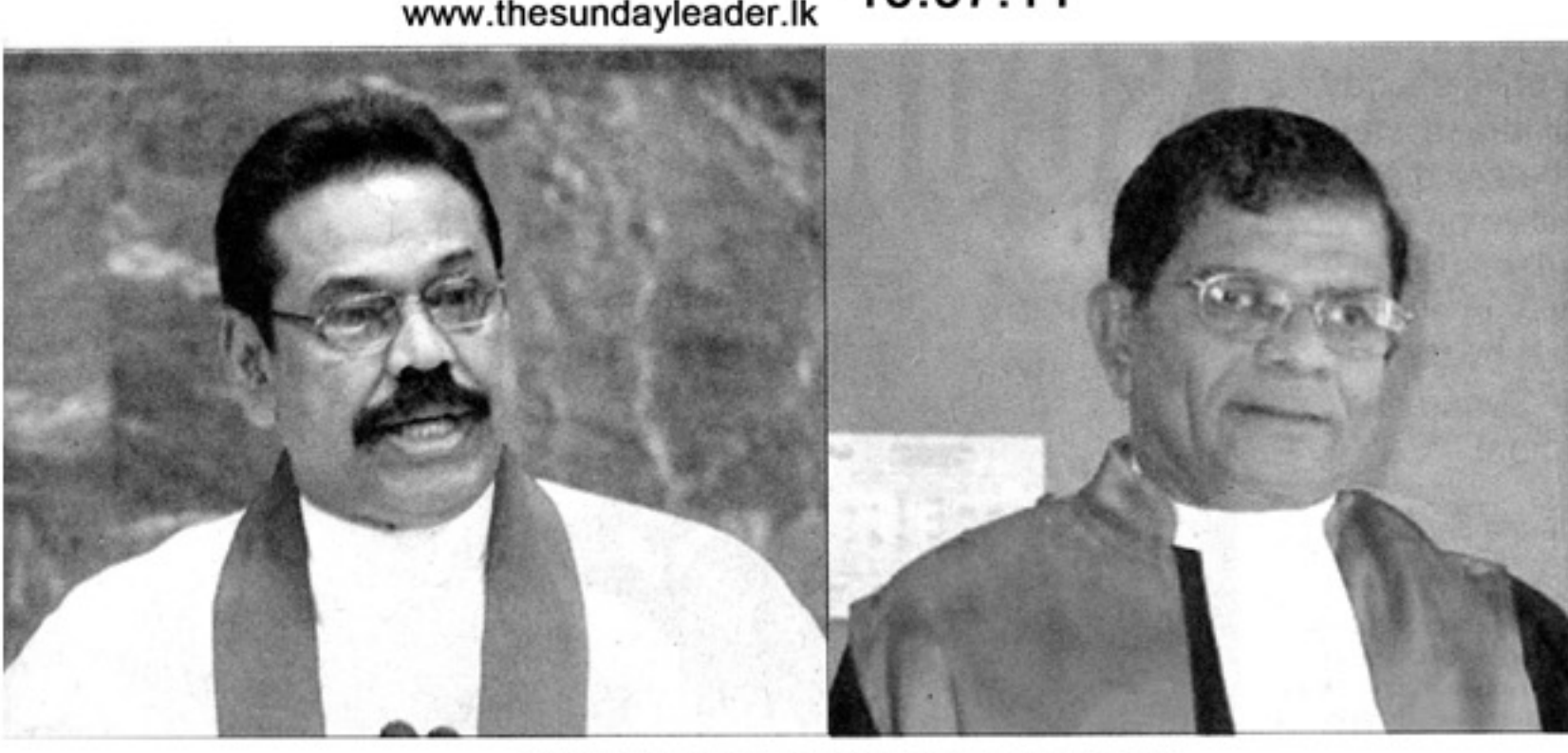
He also noted that there was no harm in a former Judge seeking to augment his pension. However, he said that "the public factor of the appointment [was] disturbing."

Gunasekara added that judges were meant to maintain a 'pristine quality of integrity' which was supposed to be continued even after retirement, and as such, de Silva's acceptance of the position was more a personal integrity issue. De Silva's predecessor, Chief Justice Sarath Silva said that it was a matter of tradition that once Supreme Court Judges retired, they did not take on permanent assignments. He added, "I won't say it's im-

proper or irregular, but in a situation like this... where personal relations count... it is unprecedented, and could lead to bad precedents being set in the future." He added that it was important that the judiciary was perceived as being an independent mechanism. As such, he said tradition should be adhered to, except in the cases where it was statutorily required for judges to be appointed (such as the Bribery Commission).

President of the Bar Association, Sibly Aziz, said he could not comment on the issue as he had not heard both sides of the story.

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The President and his legal advisor

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