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The politics of corruption

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By Reuters
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Bismarck on its social, political and economic ramifications



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Corruption—How the mighty are fallen...!



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Cronyism, corruption and economic debacles



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Graft: Lacuna in SAARC



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Closets of corruption, pockets of vice



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Captains of industry absolved from guilt?



Omitted from agenda



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 for Sri Lanka for a major legal and judicial reform project, the first of its kind since independence. Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Education Affairs and National Integration Minister and Deputy Finance Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris told the Daily News yesterday.

Biggest New Year gift for Lanka

Aid donors pledge one billion dollars a year at Washington meeting

WB for peace, growth and equity in Sri Lanka

World Bank (WB) has pledged USD 1.45 billion to assist Sri Lanka in its judicial reform project. The WB also announced a new program to support the country's economic development and growth.

Sri Lanka in "A Muddling-Through Situation"

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

WB boss to fight corruption in his own organisation

World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz has announced a new strategy to combat corruption within the organization and across its projects.

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

World Bank VP here for policy dialogue

A World Bank vice president is in Sri Lanka for a policy dialogue with government officials. The dialogue aims to discuss the bank's role in supporting Sri Lanka's economic development.

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'Hedging-gate'

Gambling with poor people's monies

The article discusses the 'Hedging-gate' scandal, where World Bank officials were accused of using their positions for personal gain through stock trading.

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Is aid disappearing down a black hole?

Outgoing World Bank Country Director Peter Harrold sounds a dire warning... The results, however, in Sri Lanka have been disappointing.



WB launches voluntary disclosure program

New anticorruption tool increases risk to firms engaging in fraud and corruption... The World Bank today announced that its Board of Executive Directors has formally approved a voluntary disclosure program.



How far has Sri Lanka implemented UN Convention against Corruption?

Article 12 - Private Sector... The government and private sector have made significant progress in implementing the UN Convention against Corruption.



Punishments reflect resolve to fight graft

International co-operation essential to extradite suspects in economic crimes... More than 67,500 officials have been punished for corruption in the past five years.

Association to fight corruption SL growth pattern "alarming" - WB

High growth of poverty, bureaucratic regulation, increased electricity costs, lack of infrastructure, lack of skilled HR - key impediments to growth... The establishment of the IAACA came at the end of a four-day conference.



Aid and the graft factor

Corruption cannot and must not be part of the development nexus, notes ADB Country Director Richard Vokes... Corruption is a major impediment to economic growth.



World Bank leader in anti-graft hotseat

According to a Sri Lanka newspaper... The World Bank's reputation is under attack as it is accused of being a hotbed of corruption.

Commission to grill Minister Morogoda

The Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry appointed last month to investigate into matters relating to failed finance companies... The Commission begins sittings in camera at the BMICH tomorrow.



Corruption in low-income countries requires global action

Concerted efforts needed in rich and poor countries to stem flow of corrupt monies and make justice work for the poorest... The World Bank's new report highlights the need for global action.

IMF chief calls for good domestic policies

IMF Managing Director Rodrigo Rato at the start of his visit to Sri Lanka... The IMF chief calls for good domestic policies to support economic growth.

Govt. should sheriff private sector Robin Hoods

The process of tracking them down, in some instances with the help of police... The government should act as a sheriff to the private sector.

National Procurement Agency shut down

Former National Procurement Agency (NPA) employees are crying foul over the government's decision to shut it down... The NPA was shut down due to corruption.

Prober on recipients of Rs 7,000 mn from Central Bank

The collapse of supervision and negligence revealed... The prober is investigating the recipients of Rs 7,000 million from the Central Bank.

SRI LANKA 97TH IN CORRUPTION PERCEPTION INDEX. Includes a bar chart showing CPI scores for various countries and a table of data.

Fighting the cancer of corruption



Govt. loses out in rehabilitating failed finance companies

The Government has grabbed the opportunity of funding from the Central Bank and reentered into rehabilitation... The government has lost out in rehabilitating failed finance companies.

Bribery Commission DG out. So what?

The Bribery Commission Director General has been removed from office... The removal of the DG is seen as a setback for the commission.

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. Formerly, bribery and corruption were seen as a necessary evil to get business done. But now, with the passage of time, it is being increasingly seen as a hindrance to business growth and development.

Any form of behaviour which is not in line with the law and is aimed at gaining an unfair advantage over others is considered bribery and corruption. It is a crime in most countries and is punishable by law.

Retired Judge Anura Kumara, Chairman of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, said that bribery and corruption are not just a problem in Sri Lanka but a global phenomenon. He said that it is a greater impediment to developing nations than in developed nations. He said that the characteristics of corruption in developing countries are more diverse and more pervasive than in developed countries.

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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 ordering the government to provide a copy of the constitution to all citizens. This move is seen as a landmark decision in the fight against corruption and the promotion of transparency in government.

The court's decision is a response to a petition filed by a group of citizens who sought a copy of the constitution. The court ruled that the government has a duty to provide a copy of the constitution to all citizens, as it is a fundamental document that governs the country.

US report highlights corrupt Lankan deals

A report from the US State Department has highlighted the extent of corruption in Sri Lanka, particularly in the context of deals struck with the military. The report states that there is a widespread culture of bribery and corruption in the country, which is a major obstacle to economic development.

The report also mentions that the military has been involved in a number of deals that have been criticized for being corrupt. It says that the military has used its position to secure favourable deals for itself, at the expense of the public interest.



UN Convention against Corruption: Is Sri Lanka in default?

The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) is a landmark international instrument that aims to prevent and combat corruption. Sri Lanka has signed the convention but has not yet ratified it, which has led to questions about whether the country is in default of its obligations.

The convention requires signatories to take a series of measures to prevent and combat corruption, including strengthening legal and judicial systems, promoting transparency, and improving public administration. Sri Lanka has taken some steps in this regard, but it is still a long way from fully implementing the convention's provisions.

Who's responsible for corruption?

The question of who is responsible for corruption is a complex one. It involves a range of factors, including the political system, the legal system, and the culture of the country. In Sri Lanka, the political system has been widely criticized for being corrupt and for being a major cause of the country's economic and social problems.

However, it is not just the political system that is responsible for corruption. The legal system and the judiciary have also been criticized for being corrupt and for failing to hold those in power accountable. The culture of the country, which has long been characterized by a lack of transparency and accountability, is also a major factor.



Govt. legalising bribery and corruption

The Government has been accused of legalising bribery and corruption through its handling of the Bribery and Corruption Commission. Critics argue that the government's actions have effectively allowed those in power to engage in corrupt practices with impunity.

The Bribery and Corruption Commission was established to investigate and prosecute cases of bribery and corruption. However, it has been widely criticized for being ineffective and for being a mere facade to cover up the government's involvement in corrupt practices.

GAP Report: Inaction on corruption in Sri Lanka

The Global Access Programme (GAP) report has highlighted the inaction of the Sri Lankan government in addressing corruption. The report states that the government has failed to take any meaningful steps to combat corruption, which is a major obstacle to economic development.

The report also mentions that the government has been slow to respond to international pressure to take action against corruption. It says that the government's inaction is a major cause of the country's economic and social problems.

My aim country sans bribery, corruption

President Ma Ying-jeou has expressed his aim to create a country free from bribery and corruption. He said that this is a fundamental goal of his administration and that he will take all necessary steps to achieve it.

President Ma said that bribery and corruption are a major obstacle to economic development and that they are a major cause of the country's economic and social problems. He said that he will take all necessary steps to combat bribery and corruption, including strengthening the legal system and promoting transparency.

Community Development and Livelihood Improvement Project

The World Bank has approved a Community Development and Livelihood Improvement Project for Sri Lanka. The project is worth Rs. 8.6 billion and is aimed at improving the livelihoods of the poor and promoting economic development in rural areas.

The project will focus on a number of areas, including improving infrastructure, promoting small business development, and providing training and technical assistance to the poor. It is expected to create a large number of jobs and to improve the living standards of the poor.

World Bank MD calls on President

The Managing Director of the World Bank has called on President Ma Ying-jeou to take action against corruption. He said that corruption is a major obstacle to economic development and that it is a major cause of the country's economic and social problems.

The Managing Director said that the World Bank is committed to supporting the government's efforts to combat corruption and to promoting economic development. He said that the World Bank will continue to provide financial and technical assistance to the government in this regard.

WB upgrades Sri Lanka

The World Bank has upgraded Sri Lanka's credit rating, reflecting the country's economic growth and the government's efforts to improve its economic and social indicators. This is a positive sign for the country's economic future.

The World Bank said that Sri Lanka's economic growth has been strong and that the government has taken a number of steps to improve its economic and social indicators. It said that this has led to an increase in the country's credit rating.

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INDIA'S COSMETIC EXERCISE AGAINST CORRUPTION

India's efforts to combat corruption have been criticized as a cosmetic exercise. Critics argue that the government has failed to take any meaningful steps to combat corruption, which is a major obstacle to economic development.

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Praising transparency WB to double funds to Sri Lanka

The World Bank has praised the Sri Lankan government for its efforts to promote transparency and has offered to double the amount of funds it provides to the country. This is a positive sign for the country's economic future.

The World Bank said that the Sri Lankan government has taken a number of steps to promote transparency and that this has led to an increase in the country's credit rating. It said that the World Bank is committed to supporting the government's efforts to promote transparency and to providing financial and technical assistance to the government in this regard.

Combining war and business!

The combination of war and business in Sri Lanka has led to a number of economic and social problems. Critics argue that the government's handling of the war has been a major cause of the country's economic and social problems.

The government has been accused of using the war as a pretext to engage in corrupt practices and to engage in economic activities that are aimed at enriching those in power. This has led to a number of economic and social problems, including a lack of transparency and accountability.

Hosni Mubarak is richest person in the world!

Hosni Mubarak, the former President of Egypt, has been named the richest person in the world. His net worth is estimated to be over \$50 billion, largely due to his involvement in the oil and gas industry.

Mubarak's wealth has been a major cause of controversy and has led to a number of economic and social problems in Egypt. Critics argue that his wealth is a major obstacle to economic development and that it is a major cause of the country's economic and social problems.

Ceylon Chamber new Chief Susantha

Susantha Ratnayake has been elected as the new Chief of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. He is a prominent businessman and has a long history of involvement in the chamber's activities.

Susantha said that he is honored to have been elected as the new Chief and that he will continue to work for the chamber's interests. He said that he will focus on promoting economic development and on improving the chamber's services to its members.

Delhi moves to curb corruption at the top

The Government of Delhi has taken steps to curb corruption at the top of the government. It has established a committee to investigate and prosecute cases of bribery and corruption involving high-ranking officials.

The committee is headed by a former judge and is expected to take a number of steps to combat corruption, including strengthening the legal system and promoting transparency. This is a positive sign for the government's efforts to combat corruption.

Power of people empowered by Moral Authority and Legitimacy

The power of people is being empowered by moral authority and legitimacy. This is a positive sign for the country's economic and social future.

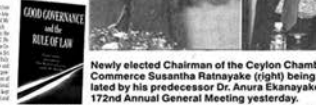
The government has taken a number of steps to promote moral authority and legitimacy, including strengthening the legal system and promoting transparency. This has led to an increase in the country's credit rating and to a number of economic and social improvements.

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. The book is a comprehensive guide to the principles and practices of good governance and the rule of law.

The book is aimed at government officials, scholars, and the general public. It provides a number of practical suggestions for improving governance and the rule of law in developing countries.

Newly elected Chairman of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce Susantha Ratnayake (right) being congratulated by his predecessor Dr. Anura Kumara at the 172nd Annual General Meeting yesterday.



IMF calls for transparency

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has called for greater transparency in Sri Lanka's economic and financial systems. It says that transparency is a key to economic development and that it is a major obstacle to the country's economic and social progress.

The IMF has taken a number of steps to promote transparency, including providing technical assistance to the government and publishing reports on the country's economic and financial situation. It is expected to continue to take steps in this regard.

Battling corruption

The fight against corruption is a major challenge for Sri Lanka. The government has taken a number of steps to combat corruption, but it is still a long way from fully implementing the convention's provisions.

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Bribes - taking, giving, when and why not?

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However, it is not just the political system that is responsible for bribes. The legal system and the judiciary have also been criticized for being corrupt and for failing to hold those in power accountable. The culture of the country, which has long been characterized by a lack of transparency and accountability, is also a major factor.

ADB powers up US\$ 120 m loan

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan of US\$ 120 million to Sri Lanka. The loan is aimed at financing infrastructure projects and promoting economic development in rural areas.

The ADB said that the loan is a positive sign for the country's economic future and that it is committed to supporting the government's efforts to improve its economic and social indicators. It said that the ADB will continue to provide financial and technical assistance to the government in this regard.

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Corruption and its effect on business and nations

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