

Local News

1. **Heavy industry zone in Sampur approved by Government:** A strategic development project to create a special zone for heavy industries at Sampur in Trincomalee at a cost of US\$ 4 billion or more than Rs. 500 billion has been given the green light by the Government. <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/130616/news/us-4b-heavy-industry-zone-in-sampur-49055.html>
2. **Sri Lanka needs environmentally friendly power generation:** Basil. <http://www.news.lk/news/sri-lanka/5609-sl-needs-environmental-friendly-power-generation-basil>
3. **The latest attempt to exploit the rock phosphate deposit at Eppawala:** Being done in a rather surreptitious manner by the government authority Lanka Phosphate Limited, with foreign collaboration. http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=81584
4. **Why climate change will determine economic growth in Asia.** <http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/06/climate-change-to-determine-economic-growth/>
5. **Macroeconomic weaknesses could pose a serious threat to food security.** The accessibility of poor households to basic foods is becoming increasingly difficult owing to their high costs, as well as higher expenditure on other essentials. <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/130616/columns/macroeconomic-weaknesses-threaten-food-security-48806.html>
6. **The rich and enormous marine resource base (biological, chemical and physical) in Sri Lanka** including its EEZ, coupled with its strategic location in the Indian Ocean, make it a country of great promise. <http://www.sundayobserver.lk/2013/06/09/fea02.asp>
7. **The garden City Kandy is falling victim to garbage...** from time to time, the public needs to be reminded of their commitment to the city they dwell in or visit, and dispose of garbage the proper way. <http://www.nation.lk/edition/news-features/item/18321-garden-city-kandy-a-victim-of-garbage.html>
8. **Blood Ivory: Gross denial of wrongdoing by Government official at CITES conference.** <http://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/rajpaksas-blood-ivory-robbery-justice-rohini-lies-internationally/>
9. **Accusations levelled against the National Gem and Jewellery Authority (NGJA)** for issuing gem-mining licenses for ineligible persons with political affiliations. <http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2013/06/09/gems-galore-for-the-correctly-connected/>
10. **Sri Lanka stakes more than two percent of a claim in the global ornamental fish trade** annually. <http://www.dailynews.lk/2013/06/13/bus07.asp?>

11. **Contamination in imported fruits**...Storage under fluctuating temperatures for long periods promotes fungi growth on fruits which is the commonest form of contamination.
<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/130609/news/bitter-truth-of-imported-fruits-47958.html>
12. **Detecting defects of groundwater:** Atomic Energy Authority ready with indigenous expertise. <http://www.sundayobserver.lk/2013/06/09/fea07.asp>
13. **Elephants chase wildlife officials:** Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation, Vijith Vijayamuni de Soyza and team of officials chased by elephants in Wildlife reserve.
<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-34979-news-detail-wildlife-minister-chased-by-female-jumbos.html>
14. **Farmers Hit By The Lack Of Subsidized Fertilizer:** Farmers say they have not been provided with the subsidized fertilizers promised by the government.
<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2013/06/16/farmers-hit-by-the-lack-of-subsidized-fertilizer/>
15. **Agriculture Minister says no cadmium in locally grown rice.**
<http://www.news.lk/news/sri-lanka/5575-no-cadmium-in-locally-produced-rice-agriculture-minister>
 - a. Soil samples taken from paddy fields reveal cadmium.
<http://www.dailynews.lk/2013/06/19/news23.asp>
 - b. Chronic kidney disease taking at least two lives a day.
<http://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2013/06/18/sril-j18.html>
 - c. Kidney disease epidemic. <http://www.nation.lk/edition/news-features/item/18499-kidney-disease-epidemic.html>

International News

16. **Air pollution from Europe's 300 largest coal power stations causes 22,300 premature deaths** a year and costs companies and governments billions of pounds in disease treatment and lost working days, says a major study of the health impacts of burning coal to generate electricity.
<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0613-gen-coal-europe.html>
17. **Why endangered species need conservationists:** Without heroic conservationists many of today's most beloved species would be extinct: think of pandas, tigers, and elephants.
<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0613-hance-zacc-flocken.html>
18. **Logging in temperate zones may release more greenhouse gases** than previously thought by destabilizing carbon stored in forest soils, argues a new paper published in the journal Global Change Biology-Bioenergy.
<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0614-logging-forest-soils-carbon.html>



19. **Pesticides decimating dragonflies and other aquatic insects.**

<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0618-hance-pesticides-insects.html>

20. **A widely used insect nerve agent has been labelled a "high acute risk":** to honeybees by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0618-gen-fipronil.html>

21. **The inseparable link between food and water:** Since food and water are so closely interlinked, there is a lingering fear based on the assumption, if there is no water, there will be no food. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) underlines the strong links between the two when it declares that agriculture accounts for over 70 percent of global water use.

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/06/fao-highlights-inseparable-links-between-food-and-water/>

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