

## Local News

1. **Sri Lanka will be among South Asian countries hard hit by climate change** and this could undermine efforts to overcome poverty and increase economic growth, according to a new scientific report released by the World Bank Group.
  - a. <http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/sri-lanka-should-guard-against-weather-shocks:-world-bank/2145357925>
  - b. [http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=81680](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=81680)
2. **Sri Lanka Disaster Information Management System website** is available at <http://www.desinventar.lk/>
3. **Development As Development Of The Heart: Why Are We So Poor?** What is the biggest ethical challenge facing us today? The reality that we have let economics guide our lives, and in doing so, we have devalued people and the associated virtues of respect, cooperation, empathy, and compassion.  
<http://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/development-as-development-of-the-heart-why-are-we-so-poor/>
4. **The Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) which generates nearly 700 metric tonnes of garbage daily**, has had to resort to new mechanisms in solid waste management from June. But there are serious doubts about how far the CMC can continue with this program as it requires a major campaign to educate citizens prior to the implementation of such a project.  
<http://www.sundayobserver.lk/2013/06/16/fea02.asp>
5. **Sri Lanka's Bogala Graphite Plc, a unit of Germany's AMG Mining AG** said it had gained rights to explore graphite deposits in new locations totaling 89 square kilometres.  
<http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/sri-lankas-bogala-graphite-chases-new-deposits/803955052>
6. **A major fire that broke out at the Mihintale Forest Reserve** was brought under control by the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWLC).<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-35552-news-detail-fire-at-mihintale-forest-reserve.html>
7. **Over half a million commercially valuable trees, on State-owned estates in the hill country, are to be felled** to raise three billion rupees for the settlement of the EPF and ETF contributions and gratuity payments of State Resources and Enterprise Development Ministry.[http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=81767](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=81767)

8. **Environmental experts warn against the State Resources and Enterprise Development Ministry plan for cutting a half a million trees** as it will lead to soil erosion and affect catchment areas if done without proper planning.  
[http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=81876](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=81876)
9. **Sampur Power Plant: Minister Ranawaka in a four-page report on the joint Indo-Lanka Power Project, raised a series of objections to the project** that was recommended by his successor Pavithra Wanniarachchi. <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/130623/news/sampur-power-ministry-secretary-denies-former-ministers-claims-50027.html>
10. **Schools lead the way in waste management:** Program launched by Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy at Royal College.  
<http://www.dailynews.lk/2013/06/27/news15.asp>
11. **Worlds largest moth spotted in Ginigathhena** <http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-36173-news-detail-worlds-largest-moth-spotted-in-ginigathhena.html>
12. **Ninety nine elephants have died** up to May 31, this year according to the Department of Wildlife. [http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=82283](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=82283)
13. **Ecosystem services – benefits to business:** All businesses depend upon and impact biodiversity and ecosystem services and many are facing increased risks associated with natural resource scarcity. <http://business-biodiversity.lk/ecosystem-services-%E2%80%93-benefits-business>

## International News

1. **Singapore haze, Indonesia fires....**
  - a. Singapore air pollution hits worst level on record, government blames palm oil and timber plantations in Sumatra. <http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0621-haze-singapore.html>
  - b. Greenpeace has released a series of photos from the front lines of the peat fires that are casting a pall of haze and triggering health warnings across Singapore and Malaysia. <http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0624-greenpeace-photos.html>
2. **Amid Fossil Fuel Troubles, Ukraine Gets Lift from Renewables:** Ukraine's traditional energy sector has been facing a major crisis due to a shortage of current assets. This is the result of the state's socially oriented tariff policy as cash-strapped utilities are unable to settle mounting bills with Russian gas supplier Gazprom.  
<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2013/06/amid-fossil-fuel-troubles-ukraine-gets-lift-from-renewables?cmpid=WindNL-Thursday-June27-2013>
3. **A new species of bird with a distinctive orange-red coloured tuft of feathers on its head has been found in Cambodia's populous capital city,** conservationists said on Wednesday.  
<http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/new-flame-headed-bird-species-found-in-cambodia-capital/120062182>



4. **Mapping the renewable energy revolution.** Pakistan and eight other countries are joining with the World Bank in a new Renewable Energy Mapping Program (REMAP) to carry out mapping of renewable energy resources that will for the first time produce rich, nationwide data for each country.  
<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2013/06/mapping-the-renewable-energy-revolution?cmpid=WindNL-Thursday-June27-2013>
5. **Deforestation has sharply increased in Amazon rainforest countries outside of Brazil,** finds a new analysis based on satellite data.  
<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0626-amazon-deforestation.html>

### **ACT!!!**

- Recycle your e-waste – drop it off at any Dialog Arcade  
<http://www.dialog.lk/support/mobile/coverage-service-points/store-locator/>
- Report large scale environmental damage – Tell FEO <http://www.feosl.org/tell-feo/>
- Volunteer with a local environmental organization
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