

Local News

1. **Cattle Wreak Havoc on National Parks:** Some 30,000 cattle enter the Lunugamvehara National park, while 15,000 enter the Maduru Oya National park and over 15,000 enter the Udawalawe National park on a daily basis. http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=82921
2. **Sri Lankan farmers urged to tap ancient irrigation systems amid erratic rains**
<http://www.trust.org/item/20130702101105-pvwac/>
3. **Former Forest Conservator Decries Mass Felling of Trees** disputing a claim by the State Resources and Enterprise Development Minister that the trees on state-owned estates in the hill country were planted only for commercial value and could be felled to settle government debts.
http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=82781
 - a. **An informed commentary** on the State Resources and Enterprise Development Ministry plan to fell and sell nearly 70,000 trees on Government-owned plantations.
<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/130630/news/state-run-estates-see-the-wood-from-the-trees-to-settle-dues-50934.html>
4. **Bora Bora Resources, has been granted exploration licenses to prospect for high grade graphite** in Sri Lanka, with the country known to hosts some of the world's highest grade graphite – averaging 90% total graphitic carbon (TGC).
<http://www.proactiveinvestors.com.au/companies/news/45153/bora-bora-resources-increases-footprint-in-historical-graphite-region-of-sri-lanka-45153.html>
5. **Yan Oya Reservoir:** An attempt is being made to swindle billions of rupees of public money in the guise of an agricultural project in the Eastern Province.
<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2013/06/30/yan-oya-reservoir-another-waste-of-public-funds/>
6. **Go Clean, Go Green: Its Not a Dream** - Daily Mirror Editorial
<http://www.dailymirror.lk/opinion/172-opinion/31678-editorial-go-clean-go-green-its-not-a-dream-.html>
7. **Business Look for Ways to Cut Power Consumption:** Sri Lanka's Ceylon Chamber of Commerce said it is holding an expert forum for businesses looking for ways to cut power use after a recent hike.
<http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/sri-lanka-businesses-looks-for-ways-to-cut-power-use/1414702249>
8. **Sri Lanka to Count Endangered Sloth Bears:** The Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Biodiversity Education and Research organization (BEAR) to conduct the study.
<http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/sri-lanka-to-count-sloth-bears/128650328>
9. **Government Slashes Supply of Subsidized Fertilizer by 25%.** Agriculture Ministry says paddy lands over-fertile; farmer unions dispute claim.
<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/130630/news/govt-slashes-supply-of-subsidised-fertiliser-51029.html>
10. **Restaurant Selling Food Items Prepared with Organically Grown Vegetables has Been Set Up** in the Sabaragamuwa Province in a bid to control the increasing number of non communicable diseases in the country. http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=82386

11. **No Fertilizer so Vegetable Prices Might Increase:** Several trade unions at the Nuwaraeliya and Dambulla Economic Centres said today vegetable prices would rise because production would decrease if farmers were not provided with fertilizer on time.
12. **Sampur Power Project not Handled Properly, May Lead to Diplomatic Issue:** Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/130630/news/sampur-power-project-not-handled-properly-may-lead-to-diplomatic-issue-minister-ranawaka-50973.html>
13. **Rambukan Oya Project Completed Entirely with Sri Lankan Inputs:** Irrigation and Water Resources Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said that the recent completion of the Rambukan Oya reservoir had become a turning point in irrigation and water resources management in the country as the entire project was by Lankans from funding, to designing, engineering and construction. http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=82575
14. **Oceanpick and Scottish Firm in Partnership to Farm Sea Bass (Baramundi) Close to Trincomalee.** <http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/sri-lanka-to-farm-asian-sea-bass/1718546871>
15. **Tackling the problem posed by increasing plastic and polythene:** Scheme to overcome Post Consumer Plastic Waste <http://www.sundayobserver.lk/2013/06/30/fea12.asp>
16. **NBRO to Stop Buildings in Landslide Prone Areas:** With the risk of landslides increasing dramatically, mainly due to human activity during the recent past, the National Building Research Organization (NBRO) yesterday said that it would not allow any further construction of buildings in landslide prone areas. http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=82616
17. **Nuclear Energy Viability and Constraints – By Patali Champika Ranawaka** <http://www.dailymirror.lk/opinion/172-opinion/31910-nuclear-energy-viability-and-constraints-.html>

International News

1. **Alarming Increase in Endangered Species List:** The latest report shows 4,807 species have been added to The IUCN Red List bringing the total of assessed species to 70,294, of which 20,934 are threatened with extinction http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=82796
2. **Don't blame nature for the Uttarakhand flood disaster:** The problem with bribing your way through the next infrastructure project is that nature does not accept bribes. <http://www.livemint.com/Opinion/hzKmWekwYOOtYKv8N6dZIN/Dont-blame-nature-for-the-Uttarakhand-flood-disaster.html>
3. **Gulls feeding on baby whales off the coast of Argentina.** <http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/gulls-feasting-on-whales-in-argentina.-yes/7455125>
4. **Indonesia NGOs call on govt to investigate 117 companies for alleged involvement in forest fires** http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0628-haze-companies.html?goback=%2Egde_1037237_member_254119727#OwBlvrkvOGM7KV8z.99
5. **In age of climate change, Australia's vast coal fields could become worthless.** <http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0702-gen-coal-australia.html#pmSUQsu0EgJ04eAG.99>



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<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0702-gen-coal-australia.html#pmSUQsu0EgJ04eAG.99>
7. **Roundup:** Environmental safety groups are stepping up efforts to prevent a reportedly dangerous yet widely used herbicide from being sold in the United States. <http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/07/u-s-weighing-increase-in-herbicide-levels-in-food-supply/>
8. **World Needs a Plan for Expected Waves of Climate Change:** The international community has long been mulling over the impact of climate change on migration. It is high time that climate refugees or environmental migrants get some serious attention. <http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/07/qa-world-needs-a-plan-for-expected-waves-of-climate-refugees/>
9. **World Bank to Cease Funding for Coal Projects?** The World Bank is set to consider dramatically cutting down its funding for coal-related power projects, according to a draft strategy document leaked this week. <http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/06/world-bank-to-cease-provising-funding-for-new-coal-projects/>

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