



Direct Flights. Amazing Offers.

SriLankan Airlines flies daily direct from London to Colombo. Enjoy unbeatable fares and amazing offers when you fly home to see your loved ones or just for some perfect sunny bliss.

For more information, visit www.srilankan.com or contact your preferred travel agent.



NEWSLANKA



**WE CARRY THE BROADEST SELECTION OF SL NEWS
TO THE BROADEST CROSS-SECTION OF SRI LANKANS**

Established since **1991**. FREE, WEEKLY NEWSPAPER.

THURSDAY - 09 OCTOBER 2014

T: 020 7978 9030

E: info@newslanka.net

ISSUE 1192

Dr. Chris Nonis, High Commissioner, resigns

(Newsfirst.lk) - Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Dr. Chris Nonis speaking exclusively to News1st confirmed that he was assaulted by the Monitoring MP of the External Affairs Ministry and that his letter of resignation was accepted on Friday.

However, speaking at an exclusive interview with News1st on Friday, MP Sajin de Vaas Gunawardena said that no such assault took place.

Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Dr Chris Nonis spoke to News1st on Saturday and issued this statement:-

"As has already been widely reported in the media, I confirm that I was unlawfully assaulted by the monitoring MP for the Ministry of External Affairs, in New York on September 24th. I met his Excellency the President and discussed the matter on the same day and I

submitted my resignation on the same day the 24th, and returned to London that evening. My resignation was accepted yesterday. I must say that I very much and deeply appreciate the opportunity that was provided to me by his Excellency the President to serve our country and our people. As I have said in my letter of resignation - that my unswerving loyalty to his Excellency the President and his family will always remain. I feel I have performed to the best of my ability and I am pleased that I had the opportunity to serve the country and the people of Sri Lanka." D.B.S. Jeyaraj (<http://dbsjeyaraj.com>) has a more in-depth look at the latest Sri Lankan diplomatic disaster which played out in New York on the side-lines of the UN.

In what appears to be a remarkable turn of events, President Mahinda Rajapaksa has ordered a ... SEE P2



Chargé d'affaires

With the acceptance of the resignation of Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Chris Nonis, the External Affairs Ministry has asked the country's Deputy High Commissioner to the Maldives Chanaka H. Talpahewa to take over as chargé d'affaires in London, a minister said.



President meets Pope Francis

The Vatican expressed hope that the Pope's visit to Sri Lanka would encourage those who work for the common good, reconciliation, justice and peace and it would be welcomed as a sign of closeness to the Lankan people, a statement said. The statement said the Holy Father Francis received in audience President Rajapaksa who met with his Eminence cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin. The statement reads as follows : Today, 3

October 2014, the Holy Father Francis received in audience the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, who subsequently met with His Eminence Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin. During the cordial discussions, the Parties focused on the country's current situation, with particular reference to signs of social and economic improvement, and conveyed their hope that solutions corresponding to the legitimate expectations of all citizens may be found. In this context, the Parties expressed their hope that the Holy Father's upcoming visit to Sri Lanka may be welcomed as a sign of closeness to the Sri Lankan population and may encourage those who work for the common good, reconciliation, justice and peace.

Pope Francis is due to visit Sri Lanka on January 9, 2015



REGGIE FERNANDO - IS NOW IN LONDON
Give him a call at **NEWSLANKA**
020 7978 9030

Taprobane Travel
Great offers on flights & hotels.
See page 3.

Fly to Colombo
fr. £451 (including taxes)
Call **020 8748 3535**

TRAVEL CENTER AMAZING PRICES
SEE PAGE 11
COLOMBO FLIGHTS
CALL US 0800 368 5098

Worldwide Flights - Holidays Sports Tours
Paradise
Travel & Tours Ltd
Tel: 0208 166 8090
See page 13

LycaFly
Colombo Best Offers..!
SEE PAGE 15

FAST CASH
MONEY IN MINUTES TO SRI LANKA
See Page 7

CARLTON LEISURE
020 8100 0000
www.carltonleisure.com
SEE PAGE 9

FREE PERSONAL CLASSIFIEDS

MARRAIGE PROPOSALS, SRI LANKA PROPERTY, UK PROPERTY, CARERS', COOKS, ROOMS TO RENT, HOLIDAY LETS & LOTS MORE..... UP TO 50 WORDS, 5 WEEKS = FREE OF CHARGE.

E-MAIL US THE TEXT OF AD AND YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO :
MALEN@NEWSLANKA.NET OR INFO@NEWSLANKA.NET

NEWSLANKA COLOMBO OFFICE: + 94 77 446 40 90
CALL CHANDIKA NOW
We can accept payment in SL rupees & we can help with artwork.
Tell your friends.