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LLRC is to be fully implemented

(Colombogazette.com) - The Government is considering the full implementation of the recommendations of the Lessons Learned and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC), Commonwealth Secretary

General Kamalesh Sharma said. Former President Mahinda Rajapaksa refused to fully implement the recommendations of the LLRC and that resulted in some countries accusing Sri Lanka of failing to address

accountability issues on the war. In a statement issued today at the conclusion of a brief visit to Sri Lanka, Sharma said he had discussed options for practical Commonwealth support for vital domestic processes in Sri Lanka, and welcome the intent to establish a credible domestic investigation mechanism that respects international humanitarian law. Sharma said that the purpose of his visit to Sri Lanka was primarily to reiterate and renew the Commonwealth's commitment to work in partnership with Sri Lanka to advance its own national plans. "We have successfully identified areas where the Commonwealth will provide practical assistance as the country turns a new and transformative page in its history," he added. Sharma noted the positive steps taken by the Government since 9 January and the further measures contemplated. These include a commitment to fundamental governance reforms and strengthening

the independence of national institutions; the appointment of civilian governors in the Northern Province and Eastern Province amongst other changes in the provincial administrations; and, the appointment of the new Chief Justice. During his visit Sharma met President Maithripala Sirisena, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Public Administration Karu Jayasuriya, and Minister of Finance Ravi Karunanayake. He also met Provincial Governors and Chief Ministers. "My meetings offered the opportunity to explore ways in which we could support



Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe & Commonwealth Secretary General Kamalesh Sharma priority areas in the Government's ambitious 100-Day Work Programme. These will build on our ongoing assistance to advance the fundamental values and principles of the... CONT ON P8

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Another World Record for Sanga

by Rex Clementine

(Island.lk) - Star batsman Kumar Sangakkara has set the benchmark with his batting that often his wicketkeeping efforts do not grab the headlines. On Thursday, as his 21st ODI century set up a face saving win for the Sri Lankans in

Wellington, his batting grabbed the headlines once again, but without many noticing he had established a new World Record that day. The former Sri Lankan captain now owns the record for most dismissals in ODI

cricket. Sangakkara came into the seventh ODI sharing the record with Adam Gilchrist and when he took a sharp catch low to his left to dismiss Corey Anderson he went past the former Australian wicketkeeper. Sangakkara now has 474 dismissals that include 378 catches and 96 stumpings. His 96 stumpings is 11 more than second placed M.S. Dhoni and the World Cup provides him the opportunity to become the first cricketer to reach three figures of stumpings in ODIs. CONT ON P29



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Queen sends greetings to Lanka

(Colombogazette.com) - Queen Elizabeth II has sent a message greeting Sri Lanka on its 67th Independence Day anniversary and has wished the country happiness and prosperity. Her message, released by the British High Commission in Colombo in three languages, reads: "It gives me great pleasure to send Your Excellency my warmest greetings on the celebration of your National Day, together with my best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the people of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in the coming year." Elizabeth R



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