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## Post-war development at a pace in North

By Rasika SOMARATHNA

(DailyNews.lk - 30/08/11) - Despite challenges, the government has been able to achieve impressive and sustained progress in developing the former conflict-torn North, both socially and economically, External Affairs Minister Prof. G.L.Peiris told the diplomatic community.

"Most impressive here is the pace of development carried out during the short span of two and a half years since the Lankan conflict ended," he said while giving a detailed report on the progress of development work in the area. Addressing foreign diplomats in Colombo recently, the minister said that the government had also been able to establish civil administration and resurrect political institutions in the area which were dormant for the major part of the last 30 years due to acts of terrorism. He said that this exercise would be completed with the holding of Provincial Council elections in the North, most probably early next year. Prof Peiris noted that the government

appreciates the contribution made by the international community and other organizations in various development initiatives. According to the report given to diplomats, compiled by the Presidential Task Force for Resettlement, Development, and Security in the Northern Province, 420,888 people have been resettled in the area, since the end of conflict. No welfare centres in other districts remain other than two in Manic farm. The remaining IDPs in Manic farm too are



Prof. G.L. Peiris

Some of the other highlights regarding development in the area are, the repairs to over 24,500 houses or newly built ones. The government with the assistance of other organizations plans to build 73,044 houses in the area. "With government assistance farmers have been able to cultivate 75 percent of the paddy lands which were abandoned in the north due to the conflict. In the last two and a half years,...

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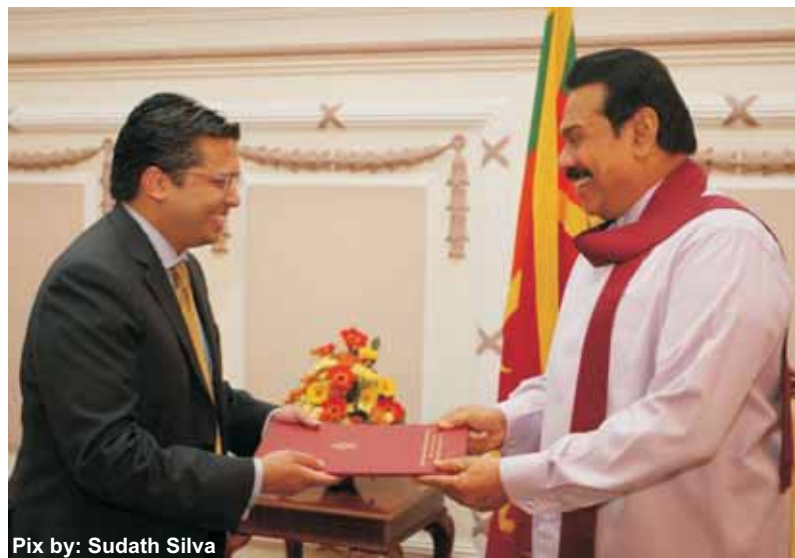
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## President Rajapaksa hands over credentials to Dr Nonis, Sri Lanka's new HC to the Court of St. James's

By Janaka Alahapperuma

President Mahinda Rajapaksa handed over credentials to the newly appointed Sri Lankan High Commissioner - designate to the United Kingdom, Dr Chris Nonis, recently at Temple Trees. According to reliable sources at the Sri

duties and build up bilateral relations in London. Doctor Nonis holds many high positions in private organizations and is not a stranger to the UK. He studied in London and qualified with BSc.(1st Class Honours) from Imperial College of Science, Technology and



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Medicine. He continued his MBBS at Royal Free Hospital, University of London and MRCP at Royal College of Physicians, UK. Dr. Nonis completed his electives at Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA and Postgraduate at Addenbrooke's Cambridge, Brompton & Hammersmith. He has had a close rapport with British political hierarchies, law makers and leading business people in the UK for many years. The Sri Lankan High Commissioner designated to Britain also holds the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine, London and the prestigious Deputy Chairman position at Royal Commonwealth Society, UK. He also a member of Advisory Committee on Peace & Reconciliation, of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Director,

Sri Lankan Airlines, Director, Ceylon Hotels Corporation PLC, Board Member, Grants Board of the ICT Agency of Sri Lanka, Council Member, Employers' Federation of Ceylon, Country Coordinating Mechanism of the Global Fund for AIDS, TB & Malaria, Committee Member, Sri Lanka-China Business Council, Committee Member, Sri Lanka-Africa & Middle East Business Council, Committee Member, Sri Lanka-Malaysia Business Council,...

## Mr. Senerath Bandara, new CEO at BOC (UK) Ltd

Bank of Ceylon has appointed Mr. Senerath Bandara as the Chief Executive Officer to its banking subsidiary in UK, Bank of Ceylon (UK) Ltd succeeding Mr. Cyril Madadeniya.



Mr. Senerath Bandara, CEO, BOC (UK) Ltd

Mr. Bandara joined the bank as a Management Trainee in 1990 and served at many important areas of banking such as corporate banking, international operations, and treasury management etc before becoming the CEO of the London subsidiary. See P14

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