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Court of Appeal announces Supreme Court ruling

Court Martial is a court - Supreme Court

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The Court of Appeal on Tuesday pronounced that the Supreme Court had ruled that the Court



Former Army Commander General Sarath Fonseka being led out of courts after the Appeal Court announcement.
(Photo-Kamal Bogoda - www.island.lk)

Martial was a Court within the meaning of Article 89(d) of the Constitution and the Army Act as well.

The five-Judge Supreme Court Bench comprising Chief Justice Asoka de Silva, Justices Shirani A. Bandaranayake, N.G. Amaratunga, Saleem Marsoof and K. Sripvan had made the unanimous decision in their determination to the reference made by the Court of Appeal on the question whether the Court includes Court Martial within the meaning of the Constitution and the Army Act. Chief Justice Asoka de Silva and Justice Saleem Marsoof had made separate judgments although they had come to the same decision with other sitting judges of the Supreme Court. Pursuant to the move and the counter move by the Attorney General and the Counsel for the aggrieved former Army Commander Sarath Fonseka, the

Bench comprising Justices R.L. Ranjith Silva, A.W.A. Salam and Upaly Abeyrathne fixed for limited purpose hearing on February 11 on the question of maintainability of the Writ Application of the Petitioner Fonseka seeking the Court to enable him to sit and vote in Parliament and to exercise his powers, privileges and immunities as a Member of Parliament.

After the pronouncement of the Supreme Court determination and opinion on the said question, Deputy Solicitor General Ms Farzana Jameel with State Counsel Arjuna Obeyesekera appearing for the Attorney General moved that the Writ application of the Petitioner Fonseka should be dismissed in view of the said determination made by the Supreme Court. Romesh de Silva PC appearing for the Petitioner Fonseka countered the move made by the Deputy Solicitor General. **Cont on P2**

London says farewell
to Chanaka (SEE P14)



His Excellency Mr P. M. Amza (left), acting High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in UK, hands over a memento on behalf of the organising committee in appreciation and gratitude to Chanaka Olagama, Head of SriLankan Airlines (UK & Europe), for services and support given to the Sri Lankan community in the UK.

Matara-Colombo expressway



The Matara-Colombo expressway, which was a dream for many decades, is now nearing completion with only 20 percent of the construction work remaining. The expressway will drastically reduce the travel time to Matara, 160 Km away. Here an aerial view of the expressway interchange and access roads at Elpitiya, as seen through the lens of staff photographer Chaminda Hittatiya (www.sundayobserver.lk).

National Day Celebrations – 2011

The High Commission of Sri Lanka cordially invites the Sri Lankan Community in the United Kingdom to participate in the multi-faith religious observances followed by a reception to celebrate the

63rd National Day of Sri Lanka on Friday, 4 February 2011 at 9.30 a.m.

at the Sri Lanka High Commission 13, Hyde Park Gardens, London W2 2LU (Nearest Tube Stations: Lancaster Gate and Paddington)

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Sehwag and Sangakkara star in global Think Wise campaign at ICC CWC 2011



They may be rivals on the field of play, but India opener Virender Sehwag and Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara have joined together to star in a new Think Wise campaign for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011. **See P22**

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