



Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 31-08-2026

01. Signing the Complementary Adjustment Agreement Relevant to the signed Technical Cooperation Agreement Between Government of Brazil and Government of Sri Lanka for the Implementation of "Sugarcane Project in Sri Lanka"

Sri Lanka entered into a Cooperation Agreement with the Government of Brazil on 16-09-2008 to promote mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation. Approval was granted at the cabinet meeting held on 25-05-2026 to sign a cooperation agreement with the Brazilian Cooperation Agreement, Sao Federal University, the Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development in Sri Lanka, and the Sugarcane Research Institute for the implementation of a project named "Sugarcane Project in Sri Lanka" under the aforementioned cooperation agreement. According to the initial agreement signed between Brazil and Sri Lanka, it is necessary to implement the programs and projects through the complementary adjustment agreement. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution provided by the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development to sign the relevant complementary adjustment agreement between Sri Lanka and Brazil to implement the "Sugarcane Project in Sri Lanka."

02. The Agreement on Mutual Legal Cooperation in Criminal Matters Between the Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Korea

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 11-12-2023 to sign an agreement between the Republic of Korea and the Government of Sri Lanka regarding mutual cooperation in criminal matters. However, according to the aforementioned approval, the relevant agreement could not be signed between both parties. Through this agreement, opportunities will be provided for mutual assistance to other countries in handing over judicial documents and collecting evidence for the use of criminal case matters. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution provided by the Minister of Justice and National Integration to sign an agreement between the Republic of Korea and the Government of Sri Lanka in providing cooperation in criminal matters.

03. Entering into a Bilateral Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Immigration and Emigration and the National Emigration Administration of the People's Republic of China Regarding Emigration Regulatory Cooperation.

The Department of Immigration and Emigration of Sri Lanka and the National Immigration Administration of the People's Republic of China have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding immigration regulatory cooperation. Thereby, the proposed Memorandum of Understanding is expected to achieve objectives such as providing facilities for the negotiations and tourism conducted between heads of institutions and official representatives from both countries, exchanging important official information and intelligence, providing facilities on visas, immigration, and emigration for citizens engaged in business, investments, tourism, and technical and scientific fields in both countries through an active and constructive approach, taking strict measures against individuals connected to organized crime, including human trafficking and smuggling, and organizing workshops for the development of knowledge,

skills, and capacity building of officers. The clearances from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment, and Tourism and the Attorney General have been obtained for this proposed draft.

04. Signing of the Agreement for Establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility in Sri Lanka

It has been decided to establish a BIMSTEC technology transfer facility in Sri Lanka by entering into a Host Country Agreement at the second leaders' summit of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) held in New Delhi, India, in 2008, with the objective of enhancing regional cooperation. The relevant cooperation agreement was signed by the member countries at the 5th BIMSTEC summit on 30-03-2022 in Colombo. The prime objective of this technology transfer facility is to provide technology, capacity building, and management of intellectual property for the micro, small, and medium-scale enterprises of the BIMSTEC member countries. According to the cooperation agreement, an agreement should be entered into between Sri Lanka, as the host country, and the BIMSTEC Secretariat for formalizing the legal status, privileges, and immunities of the technology transfer facility. The drafted agreement has received the relevant institutional approval and legal clearance. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Science and Technology to sign the proposed agreement.

05. Further Implementation of the Humanitarian Demining Program

The prime objective of the landmine clearance program is to release the lands from the mines that were buried in the Northern and Eastern provinces for the resettlement of families who lived in those areas and for the development of infrastructure. Accordingly, local and foreign non-governmental organizations and the Humanitarian Demining Unit of the Sri Lanka Army commenced the Humanitarian Demining Program of the United Nations Development Program in the year 2002. Under the said program, 21.3 square kilometers remain to be demined as at 01-01-2026. Currently, international non-governmental organizations such as the Mines Advisory Group and The HALO Trust, along with local non-governmental organizations Delvon Assistance for Social Harmony and Skavita Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Project, are working alongside the Sri Lanka Army Humanitarian Demining Unit in demining activities. The National Mine Action Center enters into annual Memoranda of Understanding with the demining organizations for the purpose of executing landmine clearance activities. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Housing, Construction, and Water Supply to enter into four Memoranda of Understanding for the relevant function with the aforementioned for the period from 01-01-2026 to 31-12-2026.

06. Improvement of Road Facilities for the 'Technological City Project' in Homagama, Pitipana, Mahenawatte

The 'Technological City Project' in Homagama, Pitipana, Mahenawatte has been initiated with the objective of contributing significantly to the country's economy based on innovation and knowledge-centered technology. Construction of sub way from Homagama, Walawwatte to Katuwana had been initiated in the year 2020 with the objective of providing direct access to the technological cities preventing traffic congestion of the Homagama town. In order to connect this road to the Highlevel Road, a length of 50m of road remain to be constructed. Further, it has been planned to connect Kottawa Thalagala road by the direct access road from NSBM Green

University to the the Sri Lanka Institute of Biotechnology through the interior of the Tech City to the Kottawa-Talagala Road. A section of about 650 meters of that road remains to be constructed. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to complete the remaining construction work of the road section connecting the western sub way (from Homagama, Walawwatta to Katuwana) to the High-Level Road and the road from NSBM Green University to the Sri Lanka Institute of Biotechnology using local funds.

07. Presenting Regulations Issued Under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act to Parliament

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 30- 03-2026 to designate 68 business entities belonging to Information Technology, Advisory Services, Business Process Outsourcing, Logistics Services, Infrastructure Hybrid/Combined Business Models, and General Business sectors as strategically important secondary businesses under the provisions of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act No. 11 of 2021. Accordingly, regulations designating those 68 businesses as Secondary Businesses of Strategic Importance were published via Extraordinary Gazette dated 2026-04-10. Accordingly, The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as Minister of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development to submit the said regulations to Parliament.

08. Amendment of the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance No. 3 of 1897

Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance No. 3 of 1897 is the principle law that regulates the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases and the implementation of quarantine measures. However, at present, it has been observed that the risk of spreading communicable diseases across borders have significantly increased due to a considerable increase in the international and domestic movement of persons, goods, and services and frequent international travel and trade have led communicable diseases spread rapidly between countries. Accordingly, although cabinet approval was granted in the 2016 to amend the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance No. 3 of 1897, the relevant amendment bills have not presented to Parliament. Therefore, as per the proposal made by the Minister of Health and Mass Media, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the appointment of a Review Committee to study the amendment bill that has been prepared so far and propose suitable amendments to meet the current health challenges as well as challenges that may arise in the future, taking into consideration the experiences obtained during the epidemic situations that have occurred in the past.

09. Amendment of the Community Based Corrections Act No. 46 of 1999

Approval was granted at the cabinet meeting held on 07-04-2025 to amend the Community Based Corrections Act No. 46 of 1999 by updating the relevant provisions to enable the more effective implementation of the law against the repeat offenders. As per the aforementioned approval, the clearance of the Attorney General has been received for the draft bill formulated by the legal draftsman. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Justice and National Integration to publish the Community Based Corrections (Amendment) Bill in the Government Gazette and thereafter present it to the Parliament for the concurrence.

10. Recruitment of Nursing Instructors for Nursing Schools under the Ministry of Health and Mass Media on Contract Basis.

There are 17 nursing schools under the Ministry of Health and Mass Media including the postgraduate primary nursing school. There are 142 vacancies in the posts of Grade I / Special Grade Nursing Officer (Education) as on 31.03.2026 in those schools while 24 officers are to be promoted to the special grade on 31.12.2025 owing to the vacancies existing in the post of Special Grade Nursing Officer (Education) and therefore, the number of vacancies is to be 166 altogether. In addition, there are 24 vacancies in the post of Special Grade Nursing Officer (Education). Although at present actions are being taken to upgrade the nursing schools to nursing colleges and upgrade the nursing diploma course to nursing degree course, no actions have been taken so far to carry out recruitments for the training relevant to the appointment for the post of Grade I / Special Grade Nursing Officer (Education). Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to recruit the retired nursing instructors and retired nursing instructors who served in the nursing schools belonging to the three armed forces and got retired or resigned legitimately from service to the post of Grade I / Special Grade Nursing Officer (Education) on contract basis.

11. Re – organization of the Vidatha Programme

The Vidatha Programme was inaugurated in the year 2005 with a view to reduce the gap between the national scientific capacity and the rural economic development by allowing the micro, small and medium scale entrepreneurs at rural level to access the innovations created by scientific knowledge and research. Vidatha Resource Centres have been established in 315 Divisional Secretariat Divisions at present. Since the current Vidatha monitoring model is in a non - structurally flexible state and since they are based on skills and standardized programmes that are not updated, adjusting to modern technological development due to fast changing global market trends, risks caused due to climate changes as well as the modern technical development has been impossible. Therefore, approval was given at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 10.11.2025 to execute a strategic framework for 2026 – 2030 covering all the 315 Vidatha Resource Centres throughout the island. Under the framework, it is expected to execute every Vidatha Resource Centre under three special units inter – connected as the scientific data collection unit, service and assistance and intellectual property unit and the standards and quality unit. Accordingly, considering the resolution furnished by the Minister of Science and Technology, the Cabinet of Ministers granted their policy approval to restructure the Vidatha Resource Centres under the new institutional structure.

12. A Donation of United States Dollars One Million to the Government of Naples.

A large number of lives were lost and a massive destruction of property occurred due to the precipitated destructive flood occurred in the Rassuwa district of Northern Naples on 26.08.2026. As an outcome of this extensive calamity, the Naples government and its people are considerably experiencing a humanitarian burden and relief as well as restoration assistance should be immediately provided due to continuation of the operations in search of missing people, risk of extended flood and devastation of infrastructure facilities. Considering the rooted long - term friendship based on culture, religion and mutual community relationships as well as the experience Sri Lanka had to undergo in regard to destructive humanitarian and economic outcome as an aftermath of a natural disaster, the Hon. President submitted a proposal to make a donation

of United States Dollars One million to the government of Naples as humanitarian and economic relief for the devastating situation and the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval for the same.

13. Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation Between the National Cadet Corps of Sri Lanka and the National Cadet Corps of India.

It has been proposed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding in between the National Cadet corps of Sri Lanka and India in order to further strengthen the cooperation while, contributing to extend the friendly relationships in between the two countries through the youth exchange programmes executed already between the two establishments. The agreement aims at executing exchange programmes cadet core members of the two countries for activities such as planning and executing consolidated special trainings and leadership programmes from the agreement. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval for the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Defense to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the National Cadet Corps of Sri Lanka and the National Cadet Corps of India.

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