



Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 27-04-2026

01. Signing of Memoranda of Understanding during the State Visit of His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, President of the Republic of Maldives, to Sri Lanka

At the invitation of Hon. President Anura Kumara Disanayake, His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, President of the Republic of Maldives, is scheduled to undertake a State Visit to Sri Lanka from 03-05-2026 to 05-05-2026. With a view to strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two countries across a range of sectors, the Cabinet of Minister has approved the signing of the following Memoranda of Understanding during the said State Visit:

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defence and National Service of the Republic of Maldives and the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University of Sri Lanka, on the organization of training programmes, implementation of staff exchange programmes, and the conduct of joint research.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Skills Development of the Republic of Maldives and the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education of Sri Lanka, on cooperation in the training of teachers and school leaders, and in the field of professional development.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health, Family and Welfare of the Republic of Maldives and the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, on academic cooperation.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Maldives and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on cooperation in the field of tourism.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the National Archives of Maldives and the Department of National Archives of Sri Lanka, on cooperation in the field of archives.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Fitness of the Republic of Maldives and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Sri Lanka, on sports and youth development.

02. Formulation of Terms of Reference for Developing and Implementing a Policy and Framework on Micro-Credentials in Sri Lanka in Collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning

Micro-credentials are internationally recognized effective mechanism for promoting lifelong learning, enhancing the skills of workforce, and promoting employability in response to rapid technological changes and the evolving demands of the labour market demand. In line with that, the need has been identified to establish a National Policy on Micro-Credentials and a Credit Transfer Framework with a view to strengthening higher education and technical and vocational education and training systems, as well as improving the international comparability and recognition of educational qualifications in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, it has been proposed to conduct a workshop in Colombo in May 2026, in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning, to formulate the Terms of Reference for undertaking this initiative. Accordingly, the

Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education to enter into an agreement between the Commonwealth of Learning and the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education of Sri Lanka, for the development and implementation of a National Policy and Framework on Micro-Credentials for Sri Lanka, with the cooperation and full financial contribution of the Commonwealth of Learning.

03. Calling for Investment Proposals for the Disposal of a Portion of Land Owned by the Urban Development Authority on Maradana Road, Colombo 10, on a 50-Year Lease Basis

At the Cabinet meeting held on 28-04-2025, a special committee was appointed to propose the most appropriate lands owned by the Urban Development Authority that have not yet been utilized for development purposes. The aforementioned committee has recommended calling for investment proposals to implement a mixed development project, based on information technology-driven innovation, on a portion of land owned by the Urban Development Authority located on Maradana Road, Colombo 10, measuring 01-acre, 01 rood, and 12.4 perches. Accordingly, taking into consideration a resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted a call for investment proposals from investors who are interested in developing the aforementioned portion of land as a hub for Sri Lankan technologists to produce intellectual technological products and services targeting the local market.

04. Transferring of Dambulla Base Hospital under the Ministry of Health and Mass Media for Development and Upgrading.

Dambulla Base Hospital, a ‘Type A’ hospital administered under the Central Provincial Council, primarily provides healthcare services to a population of approximately 230,000 across the districts of Matale, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, and Kurunegala. The hospital delivers both primary healthcare services and key specialist medical services and has a bed capacity of 354. In order to ensure the provision of adequate space and improved infrastructure to meet the growing demand for high-quality public healthcare services, and in line with the Dambulla Development Master Plan (2022–2032), it has been proposed to relocate the hospital to an alternative site, thereby enabling the existing land to be utilized for economic development purposes. For this purpose, a portion of land with an approximately 05 acres has already been acquired. The cost for the relocation the aforementioned hospital is estimated to be approximately 5 billion. Since the Central Provincial Council is unable to bear the said cost, the Governor of the Central Provincial Council has given his consent to transfer the said hospital to the Central Government and undertake the respective developments. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to transfer the Dambulla Base Hospital under the Ministry of Health and Mass Media.

05. Establishment of a Digital Unit for the Independent Television Network.

It has been recognized that the establishment of an official digital unit with human and physical resources dedicated to digital purposes, with distinct responsibilities within the organizational structure of the Independence Television Network, is appropriate to strengthen the Independence Television Media Network in order to meet the future successfully in conformity with institutional

objectives such as national communication, digital transformation, modernization, and the dissemination of accurate information to the public. Thereby, Independence Television Media Network will enable the systematic management of digital content, distribution of digital news content, maintenance of the audience relationship, and data analysis. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to establish the proposed digital unit as a strategic unit.

06. Procurement for the Supply of 6000 Pre-Filled Syringes of 40 milligrams (40mg), 0.8 milliliters (0.8ml) of Adalimumab Vaccine

International competitive bids were invited for the procurement of 6,000 syringes of adalimumab vaccine, which are used in the treatment of various chronic and autoimmune diseases affecting both adults and children. A total of four (04) bids were received in response. Based on the recommendation of the Standing High Level Procurement committee, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to award the aforementioned procurement to the Reliance Life Sciences Pvt Ltd. (Manufacturer - Reliance Life Sciences Pvt Ltd, India), the minimum substantive responsive bidder, for a sum of US\$ 225,000 total cost and shipping charges.

07. Programme for the Reconstruction of Sacred Venues Devastated by the Ditwah Cyclone

An integrated programme has been formulated by the Ministry of Buddhhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, together with the Departments related to religious affairs under its purview, to provide relief for the reconstruction or rehabilitation of all religious places affected by the Ditwah cyclone, and to restore their normal religious activities. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Buddhhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to provide the following assistance for the rebuilding and rehabilitation of the affected religious venues:

- For religious places that have been completely destroyed but are suitable for reconstruction at the same location, financial assistance of up to a maximum of Rs. 7.5 million shall be provided, with priority given to the construction of residential quarters (Avasa), Preaching Halls (Dharma Shala), Main Kovil, Church, sanitation facilities, and provision of water and electricity.
- For religious institutions that have been partially damaged, financial assistance of up to a maximum of Rs. 5 million shall be provided for restoration.
- For religious institutions that have suffered minor damages, assistance shall be provided for necessary rehabilitation.

08. Appointment to the Post of District Secretary/Government Agent of the Kegalle Administrative District.

As Mr. H.M.J.M. Herath, who served as the District Secretary/Government Agent of the Kegalle Administrative District, has been appointed to the post of Commissioner General of Registration of Persons with effect from 10-04-2026, the position of District Secretary/Government Agent of the Kegalle District has fallen vacant. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Governments to appoint Mr. K.G.S. Nishantha, a Special Grade Officer of the Sri Lanka

Administrative Service who is currently serving at present as the District Secretary/Government Agent of the Administrative District of Ratnapura, to the said post with immediate effect.

09. Interim Housing Construction Project for Families Affected by the Ditwah Cyclone and Currently Residing in Safe Centres, Temporary Shelters, and Relatives' Houses

As a result of the impact of the Ditwah cyclone, 6,088 fully damaged houses and 115,179 partially damaged houses have been reported. As of 22-04-2026, 494 families are residing in 20 safe centres located across four districts in the country, while additional families are living in temporary shelters and relatives' houses. Although steps have been taken to provide a monthly rental allowance of rupees 25,000/- for residing in a rented house until a new house is constructed by families without a house to reside due to their house been lost as a result of landslides and flood, it has been observed that the availability of rental housing in the affected areas has become a significant constraint. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Defence to implement an interim housing construction project until permanent houses are constructed and resided for 1,000 families who are resided at secure centres, tents, houses of relatives in the districts of Kegalle, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla due to their houses being damaged due to calamities caused as a result of Ditwah Cyclone, adhering to the housing plan submitted by the National Building Research Organization, and utilizing labour contribution from Sri Lanka Army.

10. Grant of Permanent Appointments to Employees Recruited on Temporary, Casual (Daily Paid), Substitute, Contract or Relief Basis in Public Institutions.

Having taken into consideration that approximately 9,800 employees are currently engaged in service across the public service, provincial public service, public corporations, statutory boards, and institutions on temporary, casual (daily paid), substitute, contract, or relief basis, His Excellency the President, through Budget Proposal No. 33.11 for the year 2026, has proposed the granting of permanent appointments to such employees. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the joint resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Governments, for the issuance of a circular containing the necessary provisions relating to the granting of permanent appointments to the said employees.

11. Submission of the Rules on the Collection of Statistics and Information by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka No. 01 of 2026, to the Parliament for its Concurrence.

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka collects statistics and information from external parties for the purpose of carrying out its statutory functions and core responsibilities.

Under the provisions of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act No. 16 of 2023, provision has been made for the determination of the information so collected, the format in which such information is to be furnished to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, the persons subject to reporting requirements, matters relating to confidentiality, and the administrative measures that may be taken in the event of any violation of such requirements. Accordingly, the Rules on Collection of Statistics and Information by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No. 01 of 2026, issued under the aforesaid provisions, have been published in Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2479/54 dated 12-03-2026. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Hon.

President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to forward those regulations to the Parliament for its concurrence.

12. Submission of the Financial Statements and Operational Report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the Year 2025 to Parliament

In accordance with the provisions of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act No. 16 of 2023, the financial statements, which are approved by the Governing Board and audited by the Auditor General, shall be submitted by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance within four (04) months after the end of the relevant financial year and thereafter the Minister in charge of Finance is required to present the said report to Parliament within fourteen (14) days of its receipt. Accordingly, the Financial Statements and Operational Report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2025 have been submitted by the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. The said report also includes an overview of the institutional performance of the Central Bank during the year 2025. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to submit the Financial Statements and Operational Report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2025 to Parliament.

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