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New Cabinet Ministers sworn in before President

- 25 Cabinet Ministers including PM
- 39 State Ministers
- 23 District Coordinating Committee Chairmen

The Cabinet of Ministers and State Ministers of the new Government led by Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) were sworn in before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The swearing in ceremony was held at the Magul Maduwa (Audience Hall) of the historic Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic premises in Kandy this morning (12).

The President has repeatedly stressed the requirement of an efficient Cabinet of Ministers dedicated to build a prosperous nation in the future.

According to "Saubhagyaye Dekma" (Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour) policy statement the composition of the Cabinet has been formulated in a pragmatic and a realistic manner to implement the national programme. Special attention was paid to the areas of national security, economic development, infrastructure facilities, education, health and sports in the process of formulation of the ministerial structure.

The new Cabinet of Ministers comprised 25 Ministers including the Prime Minister. There are 39 State Ministers. 23 Members of Parliament have been appointed as District Coordinating Committee Chairmen.

Maha Sangha invoked blessings on newly appointed Ministers and Committee Chairmen.

District Coordinating Committee Chairmen:

1. Pradeep Udugoda - Colombo
2. Sahan Pradeep Vithana - Gampaha
3. Sanjeewa Edirimanna - Kalutara
4. Wasantha Yapa Bandara -Kandy
5. N. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda - Matale
6. S.B. Dissanayake - Nuwara Eliya
7. Sampath Athukorala - Galle
8. Nipuna Ranawaka -Matara
9. Upul Galappaththi -Hambantota
10. Angajan Ramanathan -Jaffna

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| 11. Douglas Devananda | -Kilinochchi |
| 12. K. Dileepa | - Vavuniya |
| 13. K. Kader Masthan | -Mannar and Mullaitivu |
| 14. D. Weerasinghe | - Ampara |
| 15. Kapila Athukorala | -Trincomalee |
| 16. Gunapala Rathnasekara | -Kurunegala |
| 17. Ashoka Priyantha | - Puttalam |
| 18. H. Nandasena | -Anuradhapura |
| 19. Amarakeerthi Athukorala | - Polonnaruwa |
| 20. Sudarshana Denipitiya | - Badulla |
| 21. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka | - Monaragala |
| 22. Akila Ellawala | - Ratnapura |
| 23. Rajika Wickramasinghe | - Kegalla |

State Ministers :

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| 1. Chamal Rajapaksa | - Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management |
| 2. Piyankara Jayaratne | - Foreign Employment Promotions and Market Diversification |
| 3. Duminda Dissanayake | - Solar, Wind, Grid Power Generation Projects Development |
| 4. Dayasiri Jayasekara | -Batik, Handloom Fabrics and Local Apparel Products |
| 5. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Protection | - Cooperative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer |
| 6. Sudarshani Fernandopulle | -Prisons Reforms and Prisoners' Rehabilitation |
| 7. Arundika Fernando | - Coconut, Fishtail Palm, Palmyra and Rubber product Promotion
and Allied Industrial Production and Export Diversification |
| 8. Nimal Lansa | - Rural Road and other Infrastructure Facilities |
| 9. Jayantha Samaraweera | - Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and
Boats and Shipping Industry Development |
| 10. Roshan Ranasinghe
Development | - Land Management Affairs, State Business Lands and Property |
| 11. Kanaka Herath | - Company Establishment Reforms, Tea Estate Crops, Tea Factory
Modernization and Tea Export Diversification |
| 12. Vidura Wickramanayake | - Promotion of National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Artists |
| 13. Janaka Wakkumbura | - Development of Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon,
Cloves, Betel Production and Promotion of Allied Products and Export |

14. Vijitha Berugoda Universities - Dhamma Schools, Bhikku Education, Pirivenas and Buddhist Universities
15. Shehan Semasinghe - Development of Samurdhi Home Economy, Microfinance, Self-Employment and Businesses and Under-Utilized State Resources
16. Mohan de Silva Fertilizers and Pesticides - Regulation of Fertilizer Production and Supply, use of Chemical Fertilizers and Pesticides
17. Lohan Ratwatte - Gem and Jewelry related Industries
18. Dilum Amunugama Automotive Industries - Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Carriages and Automotive Industries
19. Wimalaweera Dissanayake - Wildlife Conservation Protection Programmes including Electric Fence and Ditch Construction and Re-Forestation and Wildlife Resources Development
20. Tharaka Balasooriya - Regional Cooperation
21. Indika Anurudda Promotion - Rural Home Construction and Building Materials Industry Promotion
22. Kanchana Wijsekera - Ornamental Fish, Freshwater Fish and Shrimp Farming Development, Multi-day Fishing and Fish Export
23. Sanath Nishantha Projects - Development of Rural and Regional Drinking Water Supply Projects
24. Siripala Gamlath - Development of Common Infrastructure Facilities of Settlements and Canals in Mahaweli Zones
25. Sarath Weerasekara - Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs
26. Anuradha Jayaratne Reservoirs and Irrigation - Development of Rural Paddy Fields and Associated Tanks, Reservoirs and Irrigation
27. Sadasivam Viyalendran - Professional Development of Postal Services and Mass Media
28. Thenuka Vidanagamage - Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Promotion
29. Sisira Jayakody - Promotion of Indigenous Medicine, Development of Rural Ayurvedic Hospitals and Community Health
30. Piyal Nishantha de Silva - Women and Child Development, Pre-School and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and School Services
31. Prasanna Ranaweera - Cane, Brass, Clay Furniture and Rural Industry Promotion
32. D. V. Chanaka - Development of Aviation and Export Zones
33. D. B. Herath Industries - Livestock and Farm Promotion and Dairy and Eggs Related Industries
34. Shasheendra Rajapaksa - Paddy and Cereals, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onions and Potatoes, Seed Production and High Tech Agriculture

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| 35. Nalaka Godahewa
Public Sanitation | - Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and |
| 36. Jeewan Thondaman | - Estate Housing and Community Infrastructure Facilities |
| 37. Ajith Nivard Cabraal | - Finance and Capital Markets and Public Enterprise Reforms |
| 38. Seetha Arambepola
Innovation | - Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and |
| 39. Channa Jayasumana | - Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation |

Cabinet Ministers:

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| 1. His Excellency President Gotabaya Rajapaksa | - Defence |
| 2. Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa | - Finance |
| 3. Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Affairs | - Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural |
| 4. Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa | - Urban Development and Housing |
| 5. Nimal Siripala De Silva | - Labour |
| 6. G.L Peiris | - Education |
| 7. Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi | - Health |
| 8. Dinesh Gunawardena | - Foreign Relations |
| 9. Douglas Devananda | - Fisheries |
| 10. Gamini Lokuge | - Transport |
| 11. Bandula Gunawardena | - Trade |
| 12. R.M.C.B. Rathnayake | - Wildlife and Forest Conservation |
| 13. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Government | - Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local |
| 14. Keheliya Rambukwella | - Mass Media |
| 15. Chamal Rajapaksa | - Irrigation |
| 16. Dullas Alahapperuma | - Power |
| 17. Johnston Fernando | - Highways |
| 18. Wimal Weerawansa | - Industries |
| 19. Mahinda Amaraweera | - Environment |
| 20. S.M. Chandrasena | - Land |
| 21. Mahindananda Aluthgamage | - Agriculture |
| 22. Vasudeva Nanayakkara | - Water Supply |
| 23. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila | - Energy |
| 24. Ramesh Pathirana | - Plantation |
| 25. Prasanna Ranatunga | - Tourism |
| 26. Rohitha Abeygunawardena | - Ports and Shipping |
| 27. Namal Rajapaksa | - Youth and Sports Affairs |
| 28. PC Ali Sabry | - Justice |

Following the ceremony, President, Prime Minister and the newly appointed Ministers paid homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Mohan Karunaratne

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