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Year: 2011  
 Group: STRATEGY  
 Action Area: FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INTERNATIONAL POLICY

TP Location		
		With Department

Context:  
 Email received from journalist:

Hi there,

We were hoping to get details on the current "goodwill visit" of HMAS Melbourne to Sri Lanka.

- 1.) Is the RAN currently assisting the Sri Lankan Navy in anti-people smuggling operations?
  - 2.) Is the RAN co-operating with the Marine Unit of the Central Investigation Department (CID)?
  - 3.) Is the RAN assisting in training or operations seeking members of the LTTE?
- Your speedy response would be much appreciated.

Regards,

s47F

(The Week magazine, Sydney)

## Questions and Responses:

**1 Is the RAN currently assisting the Sri Lankan Navy in anti-people smuggling operations?**

Response: No

**2 Is the RAN co-operating with the Marine Unit of the Central Investigation Department (CID)?**

Response: No

**3 Is the RAN assisting in training or operations seeking members of the LTTE?**

Response: No

## Clearances:

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<i>TPs drafted by</i>	s47F	SO NIE1	281540

Clearance	Name	Appointment	DTG
<i>Subject Matter Expert</i>	s47F	DNIE	281545
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<i>ASCAM or delegate</i>			

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Date Received:	18/01/2011		
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Media Ops Officer Notes:			

Year: 2011  
 Group: NAVY  
 Action Area:

		TP Location
		With Department

Context:

Email from Journalist:

The Ministry of Defence in Sri Lanka reports that Australian Navy personnel have participated in training in Sri Lanka. See link:  
[http://www.defence.lk/new.asp?fname=20101225\\_01](http://www.defence.lk/new.asp?fname=20101225_01)

Could you please outline the purpose of the training and the activities to be undertaken, and how many Australians will be/are involved?

Be grateful if you could respond before midday, Thursday 20 January.

Questions and Responses:

**What is the purpose of the training?**

Response:

The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) does not receive any training from the Sri Lankan Navy. Past invitations to send representatives to attend various courses have all been declined.

The Australia Defence Force provides limited training to the Sri Lankan Navy in Australia through the Defence Cooperation Program. Such courses include places at the University of Wollongong and limited places on the Australian Command and Staff College.

**What are the activities to be undertaken?**

Response: No RAN personnel have received training from the Sri Lankan Navy.

**How many Australians will be involved?**

Response: Nil

**Clearances:**

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Strategic Issues Management, MediaOps

Please find attached media brief following page 1 article regarding the Sri Lankan High Commissioner, Mr Samarasinghe.

DFAT has been consulted.

Appreciate your early clearance as the Minister's office has requested these points.

Best regards

s47F

Assistant Director - North South Asia  
International Policy Division

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CANBERRA ACT 2600  
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## AUSTRALIA-SRI LANKA DEFENCE ENGAGEMENT

## Talking Points

- Defence engagement with Sri Lanka is focused on enhancing the Sri Lankan Navy's border protection capacity and capability.

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**Background** ~~Not for public use~~

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). One Sri Lankan Navy officer participated in the Australian Command and Staff College (January–December 2011). Other significant recent activities include a ship visit by HMAS MELBOURNE to Colombo in January 2011, and ADF participation in the biennial US Air Forces sponsored Pacific Air Rally (HADR focus) held in Colombo. s22

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On 8 September 2011 Mr Samarasinghe called on Chief of Navy. s22

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	BRIEF FOR CN (through DCN)	
	SRI LANKA – CHANGE OF COMMAND HAIL AND FAREWELL LETTERS	
	Division / Directorate: DNIE	Reference: DGNCPE/OUT/2011/ 012
	Timing: Routine	Action required by: 27 Jan 11
Copies: DCN, DGNCPE		

### Recommendations:

That you:

- i. note the letter at **Attachment A** from Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe RSP, VSV, USP, nde, psc, DISS, MNI (Lond), informing you of the end of his tenure as Commander of the Sri Lankan Navy;

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### Key Points

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3. Both Admiral Samarasinghe and Vice Admiral Dissanayake were invited to participate in events associated with the recent visit of HMAS *Melbourne* to Colombo, including the ships reception and a Commanding Officers luncheon.

4. The welcome letter to Admiral Dissanayake also addresses your intent to invite him to Australia later in 2011 following the cancellation of Admiral Samarasinghe's proposed visit in January 2011. NIE will work with your staff and Post to identify a suitable opportunity to reschedule the visit.

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Contact Officer: s47F	Phone: 02 62654187
Cleared by:    <b>V.E.B. DI PIETRO</b> CDRE, RAN DGNCPE 27 Jan 11	s47F
DCN Comments:    <b>D.R. THOMAS</b> RADM, RAN DCN Jan 11	

CN Comments:    <b>R.H. CRANE</b> VADM, RAN CN  Jan 11
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Lieutenant General K.J.GILLESPIE. AC, DSC, CSM

OCA/OUT/2011/R8716026

4 April 2011

**Gotabaya Rajapaksa, RWP, RSP, psc**  
Secretary  
Ministry of Defence  
No. 15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha, Colombo  
SRI LANKA

*Dear Mr Rajapaksa,*

Thank you for extending the invitation to the Australian Army to attend the seminar and exhibition on the theme "Defeating Terrorism – The Sri Lanka Experience" from 31 May to 2 June 2011. On this occasion Australia will decline to attend.

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I wish you all the best with the seminar and exhibition.

*Yours sincerely*

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From: Lieutenant General D.L. Morrison, AO  
Chief of Army



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/ June 2012

**Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe, RSP, VSV, USP, nde, psc**  
High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in Australia  
Sri Lanka High Commission  
61 Hampton Circuit  
Yarralumla  
Canberra ACT 2600

*Your Excellency,*

Thank you for the kind invitation to attend the Defence Seminar 2012. Unfortunately, I will not be able to provide representation at the seminar this year but I wish Sri Lanka well in this matter.

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*Warmest Regards*

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# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, CANBERRA ACT 2600, AUSTRALIA, Phone: (02) 6266 0600 Facsimile: (02) 6266 0666

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HQJETWC/OUT/2010/38

**Group Captain Tim Innes**  
DA New Delhi  
Australian High Commission New Delhi  
s47F

*Dear Tim*

## AUSTRALIAN COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE FOR 2011

1. Would you please extend the enclosed offers to the Sri Lankan Defence Force for one Navy officer to attend the Australian Command and Staff Course (ACSC) in 2011 at the Australian Defence College.
2. This offer is made under the auspices of the Defence Cooperation Program (DCP) and includes a place at the Defence International Training Centre (DITC) Melbourne, for the intensive Advanced Australian English Language Course training (AAELC), the Australian Familiarisation Course (AUSTFAMIL) and the ADC Preparation Course, which precede attendance at ACSC. Attendance at DITC will assist in the development of necessary Australian English language and cultural awareness skills. All costs including travel to and from Australia, course costs and allowances will be met through the DCP. Participants may attend ACSC on an accompanied basis.
3. The course requires a high level of written and oral English language skills. All potential candidates must have a minimum ADF English Language Profiling System (ADFELPS) score of 7 or attend the Defence International Training Centre (DITC) to bring language levels up to the required standard. ACSC requires nominees to be language tested in country and the results forwarded to the College prior to nominations being accepted.
4. I would also ask that you deliver the enclosed letter to Vice Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe and Mr Gotabaya Rajapaksa and explain the offer of course placement. A description of the course and details of specific requirements and administrative arrangements are also enclosed. If you have any further questions, please contact s47F
5. **Notification of acceptance is requested from you by 30 July 2010 and nominee details by the last week in November.** You should forward your response directly to:

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Assistant Director International Liaison Office  
Australian Defence College (Weston)  
Department of Defence  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

6. Your assistance in facilitating these offers is greatly appreciated.

*All best wishes*

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**JAMES GOLDRICK**  
Rear Admiral, RAN  
Commander, Australian Defence College

4 February 2010

**Enclosures:**

1. COMADC ACSC letter of offer

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# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, CANBERRA ACT 2600, AUSTRALIA, Phone: (02) 6266 0600 Facsimile: (02) 6266 0666

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**Vice Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe**  
Commander of the Navy  
Naval Headquarters  
Colombo  
SRI LANKA

**Mr Gotabaya Rajapaksa**  
Secretary of Defence  
Public Security, Law and Order  
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SRI LANKA

*Dear Admiral Samarasinghe & Mr Rajapaksa*

## AUSTRALIAN COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE FOR 2011

1. The Australian Defence College, Canberra is offering places to overseas participants on the Australian Command and Staff Course commencing in January 2011. We value highly the contribution made by international students on previous courses of this nature. Accordingly, on behalf of the Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC, AFC, I am writing to invite you to nominate one Navy officer to attend the Australian Command and Staff Course.
2. The aim of the course is to prepare selected mid career officers and officials for command and staff appointments in single Service, joint and integrated environments, with particular focus on the operational level. In achieving this, the curriculum concentrates on the:
  - a. command, planning and sustainment of military operations;
  - b. application of military force at the operational level; and
  - c. development of a thorough understanding of Australia's evolving strategic context, and the national processes necessary to develop defence policy and the strategic intent.
3. The Australian Command and Staff Course is aimed at the Major rank or equivalent. Candidates should have clear potential for higher rank and must possess effective English

language skills sufficient to study at a post graduate level. Proficiency of prospective course members' language skills is tested and assessed prior to nomination acceptance.

4. This offer is made under the auspices of the Defence Cooperation Program and includes a place at the Defence International Training Centre Melbourne. The specific provisions of the Defence Cooperation Program can be explained in detail by the Defence Staff at the Australian High Commission.

5. The Australian Command and Staff Course requires a high level of written and verbal English language skills. Those candidates for whom English is a second language are expected to attend the Defence International Training Centre, Melbourne before the course commences to develop the necessary English language and Australian cultural awareness skills.

6. I have closely followed the development of the course and I believe that it greatly benefits both the officer attending and both our Defence Forces while it is also a valuable means of enhancing the bilateral defence relationship between our two countries.

*Every good wish  
yours sincerely*

s47F

**JAMES GOLDRICK**

Rear Admiral, RAN

Commander, Australian Defence College

4 February 2010







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**His Excellency Admiral Thisara Sugeeshwara Gunasekara Samarasinghe**

High Commissioner

High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

35 Empire Circuit

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I am delighted to invite you and your family to the Australian Defence College International Day on Saturday 17 March 2012. This event will be held at the Australian Defence College, Kirkpatrick Street, Weston Creek from 1.30pm to 5.00pm.

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**CRAIG ORME, AM, CSC**

Major General

Commander Australian Defence College

Tel: (s47F

February 2012

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## FORECAST OF SENIOR FOREIGN DEFENCE VISITS

This forecast lists visits to Australia by Foreign Defence/Service Chiefs, foreign defence officers, civilian and military, of two star rank and above, and senior foreign defence delegations.

### DIRECTORATE OF PROTOCOL AND VISITS CONTACT NUMBERS:

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## FORECAST OF SENIOR FOREIGN DEFENCE VISITS

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Pacific Area Senior Officer Logistics Seminar (PASOLS)  s47F  MAJGEN Janake Ratnayake (Sri Lanka) s47F	International Participants – 1, 2 and 3 * in attendance	Various	PASOLS is a multinational, multiservice and departmental forum for senior Defence and Security service Logistics officers (up to three star) from the Asian, Pacific and Indian Ocean regions. Twenty six member nations and selected observer nations are invited to attend the annual seminar which provides an opportunity to exchange and discuss new ideas and review logistics initiatives introduced by coalition partners and regional neighbours.	s47F  **PLANNING STATUS: Finalised	06/09/2012 to 14/09/2012	CJLOG	s47F	AIRMSHL M Binskin VCDF

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	<b>BRIEF FOR CN</b>	
	<b>SRI LANKA – LETTER IN RESPONSE TO PEOPLE SMUGGLING INTERCEPTION</b>	
	Division / Directorate: DNIE	Reference: DGNCPE/OUT/2011/487
	Timing: Routine	Action required by:
Copies: DEPSEC-S, CDF, DCN		

**Recommendations:**

That you:

- i. **note** the letter of congratulations from your Sri Lankan counterpart at **Attachment A**;

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- iv. **sign** the draft letter (**Attachment C** - facing).

SIGNED / NOT SIGNED / PLEASE DISCUSS

**Key Points**

1. Vice Admiral Dissanayake, Commander of the Sri Lankan Navy, wrote to you on 15 Aug congratulating you on your appointment as CN (**Attachment A**).

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**Attachments:**

- A. Letter of congratulations from Vice Admiral Dissanayake of 15 Aug 11

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## C. Draft letter to VADM Dissanayake (facing)

Approved by: <b>V.E.B. DI PIETRO</b> CDRE, RAN DGNCPE 16 Sep 11	s47F
Contact Officer: s47F	Phone: s47F

DCN Comments : s47F          T.N. JONES RADM, RAN DCN  19 Sep 11
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CN Comments:          R.J. GRIGGS VADM, RAN CN  Sep 11
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## CHIEF OF NAVY

s47F Russell Offices, CANBERRA ACT 2600

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**Vice Admiral D.W.A.S. Dissanayake, WV, RSP & Bar, VSV, USP, ndc**  
Commander of the Sri Lankan Navy  
Naval Headquarters

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Dear Vice Admiral Dissanayake

Thank you for your letter of 15 August and for your kind words. I feel very privileged to have been chosen to lead the Royal Australian Navy and look forward to facing the challenges ahead.

Our shared interest in the Indian Ocean has seen the strengthening of our relationship in recent times. There is no doubt that we share important challenges in achieving and maintaining security in our region. Also, our mutual commitment to cooperation positions us well for continued progress.

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Yours sincerely

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**R.J. GRIGGS, AM, CSC**  
Vice Admiral, Royal Australian Navy  
Chief of Navy

19 September 2011

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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 November 2011 2:43 PM  
**To:** s47F  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: 111122 - Sri Lanka - Email - REQUEST FROM SRI LANKAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR USE OF COMAUSFLT VIP BOAT - 26 NOV 11 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Categories:** UNCLASSIFIED

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DNIE Sir

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Yours Aye

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Commander, RAN  
Staff Officer to  
Chief of Navy

Office of Chief of Navy

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COMAUSFLT VIP BOAT - 26 NOV 11 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sir,

As discussed, this request has some background but has certainly not been 'arranged'.

**Background.** ADML Samarasinghe made a few phone calls to VADM Crane (Rtd) in August of this year requesting visits to Navy ships and establishments during forthcoming visits to various cities in Australia. VADM Crane advised that he was no longer in the Navy and approaches need to be made through the normal channels. ADML Samarasinghe then called SOCN seeking assistance to visit Navy assets during visits to Melbourne (6-11 Aug) and Sydney (18-22 Aug).

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WRT the request for a harbour cruise, no commitment has been made. s22  
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Yours Aye,

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**Sent:** Tue Nov 22 11:29:48 2011  
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As per my voice message, the Sir Lankan High Commissioner, Admiral (retd) Thisara Samarasinghe, has requested via telephone call to SOCN this morning use of one of COMAUSFLT's VIP boats during the High Commissioner's visit to Sydney 24-27 Nov 11. s22

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Regards,

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Admiral's Secretary  
Fleet Command

Phone: s47F  
Mobile:

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## CHIEF OF NAVY

s47F, Russell Offices, CANBERRA ACT 2600

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**Vice Admiral TSG Samarasinghe, RSP, VSV, USP, ndc, psc, DISS, MNI (Lond)**  
Commander of the Sri Lankan Navy  
Naval Headquarters  
# 593 Colombo 1  
Sri Lanka

Dear Admiral

*Sam,*

I have great pleasure to invite you, your wife and one accompanying staff officer to visit Australia as my official guests from 7 to 11 February 2011. The Royal Australian Navy will meet all in country costs, including domestic airfares, meals, hotel accommodation and transfers. International air fares and subsistence allowances remain the responsibility of your Navy.

Subject to your acceptance, my staff will work with our High Commission in Colombo and the accredited Australian Defence Attaché in New Delhi, Group Captain Tim Innes, to develop a professionally rewarding and personally enjoyable visit program. I would welcome any suggestions of particular issues you may wish to discuss or naval facilities you may like to visit while in Australia. You are requested to provide a point of contact within your headquarters to facilitate visit arrangements.

My contact officer for visit arrangements is s47F  
and he can be contacted by telephone on s47F or by email to  
s47F

Michelle and I look forward to welcoming Malathie and you to Australia in February 2011.

Yours sincerely

s47F

**R.H. CRANE, AO, CSM**  
Vice Admiral, Royal Australian Navy  
Chief of Navy

3 December 2010

## SRI LANKA

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- Significant recent activities:
  - Navy was represented by a Commodore at the Galle Dialogue Maritime Security Conference, 14-15 November 2011.
  - RAAF participated in the Pacific Air Rally (US Pacific Air Forces led), contributing a C-130 and a crew led at Squadron Leader level, in Colombo, 22-26 August 2011.
  - Defence Adviser New Delhi (accredited to Sri Lanka) visited Sri Lanka on 4-5 August 2011 and 18-23 August 2011 to assist in preparations for the Pacific Air Rally.
  - Ship visit by HMAS MELBOURNE to Colombo, 22-27 January 2011.
  - Defence Adviser New Delhi (accredited to Sri Lanka) visited Sri Lanka on 9-12 January 2011 and 22-27 January 2011 to assist in preparations for the ship visit by HMAS Melbourne.
  - Attendance by one Sri Lankan Navy officer (Lieutenant Commander) at the Australian Command and Staff College, 2011.
  - Attendance by one Sri Lankan Navy Officer to study a Masters of Maritime Policy at the University of Wollongong, in 2011 (Commander) and 2012 (Captain) respectively.
  - Attendance by one Sri Lankan Navy Officer (Captain) at the Maritime Security Cooperation Course, 29 August-2 September 2011.
  - Attendance by one Sri Lankan Navy Officer (Lieutenant Commander) at the Emergency Management Seminar, 10-23 October 2011.
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SRI LANKA DEFENCE RELATIONSHIP BRIEF

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- Pleased to have participated in the IONS workshop in Sri Lanka, in February 2012.

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One Sri Lankan Navy officer attended the Australian Command and Staff College (January–December 2011). Other significant recent activities include a ship visit by HMAS MELBOURNE to Colombo in January 2011, and ADF participation in the biennial US Air Forces sponsored Pacific Air Rally (HADR focus) held in Colombo in August 2011. s22

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Defence was invited to the Galle Dialogue 2011 Maritime Security Conference in Sri Lanka to discuss maritime peace and security. After Ministerial consideration, Commodore Sammut, Director General Submarine Capability, represented Defence at the Dialogue. The IONS Operational Workshop was held in Sri Lanka on 28-29 February 2012—Navy was represented by a Captain. A Sri Lankan Rear Admiral attended the Sea Power Conference in Sydney on January 2012.

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**SRI LANKA DEFENCE RELATIONSHIP BRIEF  
IONS 2012**

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**Background**

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in the  
last year Sri Lankan officers have attended the Maritime Security Cooperation Course, Emergency Management Seminar and the Defence Management Seminar. Defence provides a scholarship to undertake a Masters of Maritime Policy at the University of Wollongong each year, and a Navy officer attended Australian Command and Staff College in 2011.

Other significant recent engagement includes a visit by HMAS Melbourne to Colombo in January 2011, and ADF participation in the biennial US Air Force sponsored Pacific Air Rally (HADR focus) in Colombo. s22

CDRE Sammut, DG Submarine Capability, represented Defence at the 2011 Galle Dialogue Maritime Security Conference in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka hosted an IONS Operational Workshop in February 2012, with Defence represented by s47F Director Maritime Operations JOC. In March CDRE Rod Nairn, Chief Hydrographer, attended a meeting of the North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission in Colombo.

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## SRI LANKA DEFENCE RELATIONS BRIEF

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### Background

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Most recently, in 2011 HMAS Melbourne visited Colombo from January 22 to 27. Planned future activities in 2011 include a visit by the Sri Lankan secretary of Defence to the Avalon Air Show in February and continuing joint training opportunities in Australia for Sri Lankan Navy personnel on short courses.

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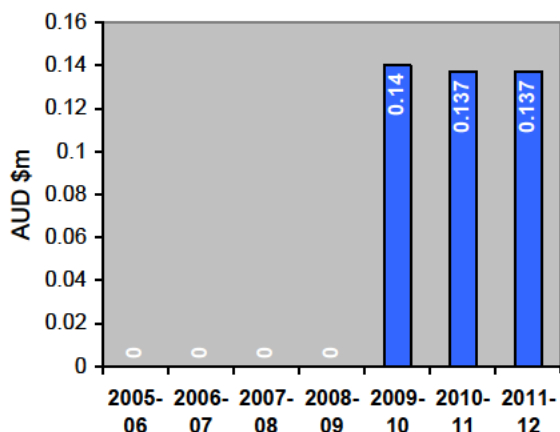
### VISITS

- Chief of Navy to Sri Lanka (December 2010)
- Deputy Chief of Navy to Sri Lanka (August 2010)
- Deputy Chief of Navy to Sri Lanka (June 2009)

### KEY LEADERS

- **President:** Mahinda Rajapaksa
- **Minister for Defence, Public Security, Law and Order:** Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- **Chief of Defence Staff:** ACM W Goonetilleke
- **Commander of the Navy:** VADM D Dissanayake
- **Chief of Army:** LTGEN J Jayasuriya
- **Chief of Air Force:** AIRMSHL HD Abeywickrama

Sri Lanka Budget 2005-12



### KEY SRI LANKAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE STATISTICS

**Budget:** approximately \$1.7 billion  
**Army:** 150,000  
**Navy:** 42,000  
**Air Force:** 30,000  
**Total:** approximately 222,000

### TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

- Scholarship – Master of Maritime Policy at the university of Wollongong (one position)
- Australian Command and Staff Course (one position)
- Ad hoc offers of positions on short courses including:
  - maritime security,
  - maritime air surveillance,
  - defence management, and
  - emergency management.
- Two short course offers for 2011/12, two acceptances.

### HMA SHIP VISITS TO SRI LANKA

- HMAS MELBOURNE visited Colombo 22-27 January 2011,
- HMAS GLENELG visited Colombo 28-31 January 2010,
- HMAS NEWCASTLE to Colombo 3-5 November 2005,
- HMAS PERTH to Colombo 11-13 June 1991, and
- HMAS ADELAIDE to Colombo 27-31 August 1982 and 11-12 November 1982.

### EXERCISES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- PACIFIC AIR RALLY 2011: 22-26 October, 2011. US Pacific Air Forces sponsored military airlift symposium held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Humanitarian assistance/disaster relief focus.
  - Attendees included the US, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Korea and New Zealand.
- Galle Dialogue Maritime Security Conference: November 2011. A Commodore represented RAN at the conference.

## SRI LANKA DEFENCE RELATIONSHIP BRIEF

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- Pleased to have participated in the IONS workshop in Sri Lanka, in February 2012.

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- Pleased with HMAS *Melbourne*'s visit to Colombo in January 2011.
- Pleased a Sri Lankan officer is attending the Australian Command Staff College and the University of Wollongong Masters in Maritime Policy.
  - Sri Lankan Navy personnel will continue to be offered training opportunities in Australia on short courses as appropriate.

*If raised – Invitation to attend "Galle Dialogue 2011 Maritime Security Conference*

- Maritime security is an area of shared interest and we appreciate the invitation.

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## Background

### *Defence Engagement*

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Defence has been invited to send a representative to the Galle Dialogue 2011 Maritime Security Conference in Sri Lanka to discuss maritime peace and security. Defence's participation is under Ministerial consideration.

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**Australian Government**  
**Department of Defence**

**Mr Duncan Lewis AO, DSC, CSC**  
**Secretary**

**General David Hurley, AC, DSC**  
**Chief of the Defence Force**

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Air Chief Marshal Goonetilleke  
 Chief of Defence Staff  
 Office of the Chief of Defence Staff  
 SRI LANKA

Dear Air Chief Marshal Goonetilleke

Australia will host an international counter-piracy conference in Perth, Western Australia, on 15-17 July 2012. An invitation has been issued to Sri Lanka for two working level representatives, and we would like to take this opportunity to encourage representatives from your country to attend.

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Australia looks forward to welcoming representatives from your country to Perth in July.

Yours sincerely

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**Duncan Lewis**  
 Secretary

24 June 2012

**D.J. HURLEY, AC, DSC**  
 General  
 Chief of the Defence Force  
 24 June 2012

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**Department of Defence**

## **MINUTE**

**ASMEPA**

**PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES FOR TWO DELEGATES FROM SRI LANKA TO  
ATTEND THE PERTH COUNTER-PIRACY CONFERENCE, 14-18 JULY 2012**

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3. As part of the Conference, Defence has agreed to pay for two Navy delegates from Sri Lanka, s47F o attend. We have agreed to cover the cost of economy class return airfares, accommodation, airport transfers in Australia, and meals and incidentals allowances.

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<p>s47F</p> <p><b>Chris Kevork</b> Acting Director, North and South Asia 13 July 2012</p>	<p>(a) APPROVED/<del>NOT APPROVED</del> SK</p> <p>(b) INITIALLED/<del>PLEASE DISCUSS</del></p> <p>s47F</p> <p><b>Sheridan Kearnan</b> Assistant Secretary Middle East, Pakistan and Afghanistan 13 July 2012</p>
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# Record of Conversation

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s47F Commander Western Naval Area	Sri Lankan Navy
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<p>s22</p> <p>HNC welcomed the continued support of IONS by the Sri Lankan Navy and noted that the RAN hopes to send a representative to the IONS Operational Workshop in Columbo in February 2012. He also stated that the RAN hopes to send a ship to Sri Lanka in late 2012, depending on operational commitments. The last ship to visit Sri Lanka was HMAS Melbourne in January 2011.</p> <p>s22</p> <p>1</p> <p>.</p>	
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