



WEEKLY BULLETIN

14TH OCTOBER TO 20TH OCTOBER 2020

LOCAL NEWS

Govt. to establish an expressway investment company - *Daily FT*

<http://www.ft.lk/front-page/Govt-to-establish-an-expressway-investment-company/44-707476>

Silver linings: Sri Lankan turmeric farmers find solutions during covid-19 - *Daily FT*

<http://www.ft.lk/agriculture/Silver-linings-Sri-Lankan-turmeric-farmers-find-solutions-during-COVID-19/31-707444>

Many Lankan oil palm companies seeking sustainability certification: POIA - *Daily FT*

<http://www.ft.lk/agriculture/Many-Lankan-oil-palm-companies-seeking-sustainability-certification-POIA/31-707442>

Aussie startup moves into SL seafood market - *Daily News*

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2020/10/14/finance/231364/aussie-startup-moves-sl-seafood-market>

Apparel exports drop by 22% to \$ 3.1 b in 9 months - *Daily FT*

<http://www.ft.lk/front-page/Apparel-exports-drop-by-22-to-3-1-b-in-9-months/44-707531>

Govt. relaxes ban, but slaps high CESS on apparel imports - *Daily FT*

<http://www.ft.lk/front-page/Govt-relaxes-ban-but-slaps-high-CESS-on-apparel-imports/44-707596>

Exporter's outlook for business and economy improves - *Daily News*

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2020/10/19/finance/231737/exporters%E2%80%99-outlook-business-and-economy-improves>

"Lankan agri-business sector needs to look at value adding opportunities" - *Daily News*

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2020/10/20/finance/231858/%E2%80%99Lankan-agri-business-sector-needs-look-value-adding-opportunities%E2%80%9D>

Govt. provides Rs. 39 m to strengthen safety measures in examination centres - *Daily FT*

<http://www.ft.lk/news/Govt-provides-Rs-39-m-to-strengthen-safety-measures-in-examination-centres/56-707756>

Investor focus shifts to plantations as CSE manages to close positive - *Daily FT*

<http://www.ft.lk/front-page/Investor-focus-shifts-to-plantations-as-CSE-manages-to-close-positive/44-707750>

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Zoom launches paid-for live events with OnZoom - *BBC*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-54538854>

Coronavirus: YouTube bans misleading Covid-19 vaccine videos - *BBC*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-54541517>

Poland's largest WW2 bomb explodes during attempt to defuse it - *BBC*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-54533860>

EU leaders weigh up hard choices over Brexit trade deal - *BBC*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-54541761>

Russia's Soyuz rocket reaches ISS in record time - *BBC*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/science-environment-54545170>

Coronavirus: India tries new type of tests to tackle virus - *BBC*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-53609404>

New Zealand election: Jacinda Ardern's Labour Party scores landslide win - *BBC*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-54519628>

Trudeau calls China's Hong Kong diplomacy 'coercive' - *BBC*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-54577971>

Bolivia election: Five things to know about - *BBC*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-54552921>

EU investigates Instagram over handling of children's data - *BBC*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-54594825>

Australia Covid-19 quarantine blood-testing blunder prompts calls for hundreds to take HIV test - *CNN*

<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/10/20/australia/australia-covid-quarantine-blood-testing-hiv-intl-hnk/index.html>

The US government sues Google for alleged anticompetitive abuses in search - *CNN*

<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/10/20/tech/doj-google-antitrust-case/index.html>

EFC UPDATES

- Spread over of working hours on five days of the week (applicable to all EFC members (non plantation companies) in the export manufacturing sector) - *EFC Circular No. 76 of 2020*
- National Tripartite Agreement to pro-rate wages - *EFC Circular No. 77 of 2020*
- Regulations to prevent the spread of the COVID 19 virus - *EFC Circular No. 78 of 2020*