

## President committed to improving HR status

Plantation Industries Minister and the President's Special Envoy on Human Rights Mahinda Samarasinghe, says the implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan (NHRAP) will help enhance the massive achievements already made in the protection of human rights and that it will bring positive benefits in the form of economic and social development and tranquillity.

Speaking on the occasion of International Human Rights Day Minister Samarasinghe said that the National Human Rights Action Plan was not drafted on a demand by the international community nor had it any political agendas. He stressed the President's Special Envoy on Human Rights Mahinda Samarasinghe, the views of people at various levels were obtained for the formulation of this plan and it was subjected to a wide public dialogue.

Commenting on the theme of Human Rights Day this year, "Social Media and Human Rights", minister said "Post armed conflict Sri Lanka should develop on efforts to establish cyber relationships between people, especially those who have left our country due to violence or other causes",

Minister Samarasinghe pointed out that brotherhood and reconciliation can be most effectively deployed through social media with the defeat of terrorism in Sri Lanka.