



Walkers Tours, Sri Lanka Situation Update

Colombo, 15th August...

There have been continuous confrontations in the north and eastern part of Sri Lanka between the Tamil Tigers and the Government troops during the last few days. A bomb explosion in the capital Colombo on Monday afternoon killed seven people, including four soldiers, and injured 17 others, when the convoy of Pakistani High Commissioner was targeted.

The incidents that have taken place so far are on specific identified targets. Despite the ongoing confrontations, the government has reiterated its commitment for a negotiated settlement.

The tourist areas remain unaffected and we are recording healthy tourist arrivals for the month of August. The recently concluded world renowned Kandy Perehera (pageant) which ended on 09th August proved to be a success despite the ongoing confrontation in the north and in the east.

The 10th South Asian Games is also scheduled to be held from 18th August 2006 with over 2000 participants who represent South Asian countries.

Sri Lanka will be the venue for the Commonwealth Financial Ministers' Meeting, where it expects over 250 delegates including Heads of States from certain commonwealth countries along with Finance Ministers from 53 other countries.

This is for your information and we hope to get back to you in the event we receive further updates and developments.