

Police service an honourable profession - Minister

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The Police service is an honourable profession and it is not suitable to compel Police officers deployed for VIP security to carry out the private errands of VIP's, said Public Security Minister Rear Admiral Dr. Sarath Weerasekera. **TO PAGE 02**



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According to the Department of Census and Statistics, there is a significant development of 5.3% in the production industry during the third quarter of 2020 in comparison to the same period the previous year. Pointing to the 2020 third quarter national accounts estimates, the total technical activities growth during that quarter was reported to be 0.6%. This development was the result of the country

being opened for business and the commencement of the production sector right after the first wave of the Covid pandemic, the ministry noted.

The highest growth has been reported during this period in the Chemical products and basic pharmaceuticals sectors. The growth rate has been recorded as 13.1%. Food and tobacco products, which contribute around 6.9% of the

GDP, had also shown a significant development of 11.5%. In addition, the Finance Ministry noted that the plastic production had recorded a rise of 4.8% and other commercial non-metal material production had increased significantly by 4.2%.

However, there was a reduction in the construction sector of around 9.1% due to the impact of the Covid pandemic, the Finance Ministry media release stated.