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UPFA

R. Duminda Silva Born 1974. Businessman. Studied at St. Peter's Col-

lege, Colombo. Elected to the Western Pro-vincial Council in 2009 on the UPFA ticket and topped the pi

list. SLFP Chief Organiser for Kolonnawa. Awarded Deshabimana Deshashakthi Janaran-jana from the National Peace Association.

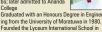
Thilanga Sumathipala Born 1964

Born 1964
Businessman.
Served as President of the then Sri Lanka Cricket Board.
Held Chairmanship of Sri

Held Chairmainship of Sn Lanka Telecona. Studied at Nalanda College, Colombo; joined the London College of Printing (UK) for higher studies in 1983. Elected to the Western Provincial Council in 2009 on the UPFA ticket.

Mohan Lal Grero

Monan Lai Grero
Born in 1956.
Educationist.
Received his primary education at Royal College, Colombo; later admitted to Ananda
College
Graduated with an Honours Degree in Engine



Elected to the Western Provincial Council in 2009 on the UNP ticket.

Rosy Senanayake Rosy Senanayake
Former restauranteer.
Elected to the Western Provincial Council in 2009 on the
UNP ticket; served as Leader
of the Opposition of the
council's; appointed 'Good
will Ambassador' of the United Nations Fund for Population Act
1998.

1998. Served as Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Malaysia from 2002 to 2004. Crowned Mrs. World in 1985.

Sujeewa Senasinghe Attorney-at-law and actor. Studied Trinity College Kan-

dy.
Awarded a full scholarship to
University of West Virginia in

University of views viewing in a 1991.

Appointed as the UNP Organiser for Kaduwela – the youngest UNP organiser at the time—
Appointed Legal Secretary to the UNP in 1996.
Elected to the Western Provincial Council in

Prabha Ganeshan 40 years of age. Studied at Wesley College, Colombo. Elected to the Western Provincial Council in 2009. Younger brother of Leader of Democratic People's Front Mano Ganeshan.



Gen. (Rtd) Sarath Fonseka Born in 1950.

Born in 1950.
Former Commander of the Sri Lanka Army and Chief of Defence Staff.
Received primary education of the Madavalelanda Maha Vidyaleya (1955–1957) in Ampara; secondary education from Dharmasoka College, Ambalangodd (1958–1956) and Ananda College, Colombo (1956–1969).
Presidential candidate in January 2010 presidential c

UPFA

Ruwan Ranatunga Born in 1971 Educated at Ashoka Ka-nishta Vidyalaya and Ananda College, Colombo. Businessman.

Allalida college, colonido.
Businessman.
Assisted his father Minister Reggie Ranatunga in the early stages of his political career; later involved in the campaign of his brother Prasanna Ranatunga who became the Chief Minister of the Western Province.

Sudarshani Fernandopulle Born in 1960 Doctor by profession. Former DMO of the Negombo Hospital. Served for more than 10



Wasantha Senanayake Barister of Law. Studied at S. Thomas' Prep. Graduated Univ. Buckingham LLB. Great grandson of Ceylon's first Prime Minister D. S. Senanayake and F.R. Senanayake.

UNP

UNP
Ruwan Wijewardene
Bom in 1975.
Studied at S. Thomas' Prep.
Graduated from Sussex University, UK. A former Direct
for of the Wijeya Newspapers Ltd. Great grandson of
Ceyloris first Prime Minister
D. S. Senanayake and F.R. Senanayake, Appointed UNP organizer Biyagama electorate;
contested the Western Provincial elections
and secured the largest number of preference and secured the largest number of preference votes from Gampaha district.

Upeksha Swarnamali Born in 1984 in Kuwait where she lived for 20

and movie star.
Studied at Indian International School, Kuwait.
Holds a Diploma in Dancing from an Indian stitute
Won the Sumathi Award for Best Upcoming

Award for Most popular actress sponsored by Vendol

UPFA

Velusami Radhakrishnan Born in 1952. Studied at Holy Trinity College Nuwara Eliya; St. Pe-ter's and St. Joseph's, Co-

lombo.
Father of four.
Elected member of the Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha and its Chariman in 1991; elet to the Central Provincial Council in 1999.

Perumal Rajadurai

Perunan Najaduran Born in 1967. Studied at Suriyagaha Pa-thana Tamil Vidyalaya and Ragala Tamil Vidyalaya. Attorney-at-law. Acting Magistrate Nuwara Eliya.



Palani Digambaran Born in 1967. A textile businessman. Contested under the Up-country People's Front ticket and entered the Central Pro-vincial Council in 2004. Contested on the UNP ticket a the PC in 2009.

Sri Ranga Jeyaratnam Born in 1971. Journalist/media personali-

ty.
Host of popular political TV
programme Minnal, on
Shakthi TV.
Native of Jaffna.
Studied at Vavuniya Tamil Maha Vidyalaya and
Hindu College, Jaffna
Joined MBC Networks after completing stud-

ies. Conducted a programme called Erimalai (Vol-cano) on Shakthi FM.

UPFA

Nishantha Muthuhettigama Born in 1971. Businessman. Studied at Mahinda College,

Galle.
Entered politics in 1991 as an elected member of the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha, the youngest PS member in the country at the time.

Flected twice to the Southern Provincial Coun-SLFP Organiser for Baddegama.

Dr. Ramesh Pathirana Born in 1969 edical doctor by profession. Son of former Education

Minister Richard Pathirana. Studied at Richmond College, Galle. Chief Organiser of Akmeemana.

Sajin Vaas Gunawardene Born in 1973. Prominent business personality. SLFP Galle District Organiser.
President's Coordinating

Secretary.

Entered politics by successfully contesting the 2009 Southern Provincial Council election.

Mohan Priyadarshana Silva Born in 1969 Attorney-at-law.

Attomey-ad-law.
Studied at St. Aloysius
College, Galle.
Chief Organiser of the Rathgama Electroste since 1996.
Former member of the Hikkaduwa Pradeshiya
Sabha.
Elected to the Southern Provincial Council
bridge.

Manusha Nanayakkara Born in 1977. Journalist/media personality UNP Organiser for Baddega

ma.
Marked his entry into politics by contesting the
Southern Provincial Council elections where
he emerged victorious.

UPFA

Namal Rajapaksa Bom in 1986. Youngest member of the new Parliament. Student at a leading univer

Student at a leaning univer-sity in London. Studied at St. Thomas' Col-lege, Mount Lavinia. Successfully captained the STC Rugby team for several year. Youth activist and founder of 'Tharunyayata Hetak' (Youth Aspirations). Eldest son of President Mahinda Rajapaksa.

P.K. Indika Born in 1966. Son of Former Deputy Chair-man of the Southern Provin-cial Council P. K. Dharmada-

sa. Studied at St. Mary's Convent Matara from Grade 1 to 3; Richmond College, Galle from Grade 4 to

Advanced Level.

Active member of the Southern Provincial
Council since 1999 holding key portfolios such
as Agriculture, Housing and Construction,
Sports, etc

ITAK S. Saravanabhawan Born in 1953. Businessman.

Businessman. Studied at Hindu College, Jaffna. Diploma holder in Business Administration (London). Owns a newspaper company

S. Shridharan Bom in 1958. Grew up at the Gurukulam Hindu Children's orphanage in Klinochchi. Studied at Vaddakkachi Ramanathapuram GTMS, Vaddakkachi M.V; Al-laippiddy Parasakthy M.V, Klinochi and Hindu College.

College.

BA External Jaffna University.
Special training in agriculture; NIE Executive
Committee Member.
Prinicpal of Kilinochchi Maha Vidyalaya.

Vijayakala Maheswaran Born in 1972. Businesswoman. Studied at Karainagar Hindu College.
Actively involved in politics
from 1999.
Wife of late UNP MP T. Maheswaran.



UPFA S. Udayan (Silvestri alantin alias Uthayan) Born in 1972. Studied at Delft Maha

Studied at Jent Wanie Virtyalaya.
Joined EPDP in 1992.
Former deputy Chairman of the Karaveddy Pradeshiya Sabha.
Executive Committee Member of the Cey-Nor Fishing Net Factory.

UPFA

Noor Mohommed Farook Born in 1975. Native of Silavathurai, Mannar. Businessman. Contested a election for the time.



UPFA

Rear Admiral (retd.) Sar ath Weerasekara Director General of the Civil Defence Force. Studied at Ananda College MA and M.Phil graduate of the Kelaniya University; Na-tional Defence College Graduate (India) and Naval War College graduate (USA).

Srivani Wijewickreme

Born in 1969.
Studied at Galapitigala MV,
Ampara; D. S. Senanayake
MV Ampara.
Graduated from the Colombo University Faculty of Law
in 1995.

in 1995. Served as an attorney-at-law at the Colombo High Court for about six months before moving adaptated court. Served as Acting Magistrate Court. Served as Acting Magistrate at the Ampara Magistrate or the Ampara of the Court of A.G.A. Wijewickreme, former Ampara District Organiser for the Mahajana Exsath Peramuna (MEP)

ITAK

G.H.P. Piyasena Born in 1961 The only Sinhalese candidate to contest and win from a Tamil political party. Served as Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman for six months. Polled 1,1130 preferential votes at last week's General Election.

UPFA

K.W. Shantha Bandara Born in 1973. Studied at Nakkawatta Father of three.

Entered politics in 1994 as an Alawwa Pradeshiya Sabha member and Provincial council Leader of the Opposition. Appointed SLFP Dambadeniya Organiser in

2005.
Elected to North Western Provincial Council in 2009 where he served as Minister of Agricuthure. An International Referee of Karate and Volleyball. Represented Sri Lanka at an Indian karate contest where he won a br

Neranjan Wickramasinghe Age 47. The only son of former Min-ister D.P. Wickremasinghe Studied at Trinity College, Kandy.

Kandy.
Joined politics in 1999.
Appointed Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs during his first term in parliament
SLFP organiser for Mawathagama.
Father of two daughters.

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Tharanath Basnayake Age - 24 Studied at Maliyadeva Col-

lege, Kurunegala. Son of former Minister of Son of former Minister of Sports. Appointed Organizer of Gal-gamuwa in 2009.

UNP

Ashoka Abeysinghe Born in 1956. Studied at Hettipola MV; Isi-pathana, Colombo; St. Anne's Kurunegala and Nar-ammala MV.

Businessman.
Contested Kurunegala MC from the SLFP in 2005; later crossed over to UNP.

Born in 1969. Educated at Kirindigalla MV and Ibbagamuwa MV. Profession — Businessman. UNP Organiser of Rambodagalla in 2006. Elected to the North Western cil in 2009. Father of two.

PUTTALAM

UPFA

Victory Anthony Perera
Bom in 1949.
Entered politics in 1967
through the SLFP
Served as Leader of the Opposition in the Chilaw PS

Elected to the North Western PC in 1994. Appointed Leader of the House of the NWPC in 1998 and Fisheries Minister from 2000 to 2009.

Arundika Fernando -Puttalam district Born in 1971 Past pupil of St. Peter's Past pupil of St. Peter's College Colombo. He joined the Sri Lanka Air Force and later the SriLankan airlines. Hailing from a family with a pu ground, he contested the prov

litical back ground, he contested the provincial council elections in 2004 and was defeated. In 2009 he recontested the PC elections and was appointed as a PC minister.

UNP

Niroshan Perera Born in 1971. Studied at St. Peter's Col-

lege. Holds BSc and MSc derouse in Electronic Engi-neering Maryland Univer-sity, USA.
Active in politics since 2003.
Son of former UNP Minister Festus Perera.

UPFA

NPFA
Semasinghe
37 years of age.
Studied at St. Joseph's
College, Anuradhapura; D.
S. Senanayake Virylagva,
Colombo.
Graduated with an Honours Degree from the New Delhi University,
India.

India.
Postgraduate studies at the Peradeniya University in Business Administration.
Grandson of Former Speaker K.B. Ratnayake

Sarath Chandrasiri

Sarath Chandrasın Muthukumarana 57 years of age. Studied at Anuradhapura Madhya Maha Vidyalaya. Elected to the North Cen-tral Province in 1994. Served as Provincial Coun-cil Minister of Agriculture.



LIPFA Roshan Ranasinghe Born in 1975.

Businessman. Studied at Polonnaruwa Rajakeeya Maha Vidya-laya, Polonnaruwa. First entry into in politics.



Vijitha Berugoda 50 years age. Studied at Radaliyadda Junior School; Wellassa Madhya Maha Vidya-

laya.
Graduated from the Kelaniya University; MA University of Colombo.
Served as Chairman of the Bibile Pradeshiya Sabha; elected to the Uva Provincial Council in1999.

To be continued next week.

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