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Q1. It took me by surprise when a friend reported to me a CBSL Rs5000 note with a date 2020-08-12, as since 1991, a new date is adopted only when either of the Signatures changes or a new design of the Sri Lanka Currency. Is this new date, consequent to some other change?

A1. The said date change on the currency note is in line with the appointment of Minister of Finance, Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, under the newly formed government.

Q2. Date on Banknote, First and Last prefix with serial to nearest 1000 and the number of notes accepted by SNIM after printing for use as currency of every Denominations Rs20, Rs50, Rs100, Rs500, Rs1000, and Rs5000 for any date after 2019-12-24 with signatures of Mahinda Rajapakse and W. D. Lakshman?

A2. Date on banknote is 2020.08.12. The currency note order under the said date is still ongoing. Full details on serial numbers of every denomination will be available only once the order being completed, most likely by January 2022.

Q3. Are there any changes to the published security features of the 2019-12-24 dated note? If so what are they?

A3. No.

Q4. What date will be used for the new notes with the signature of new Finance Minister Basil Rajapakse?

A4. Such date will be determined at the time of placing the next currency note order.

Q5. Have any of these notes been printed even on a subcontract, by any other Banknote printer than DeLaRue?

A5. No.