

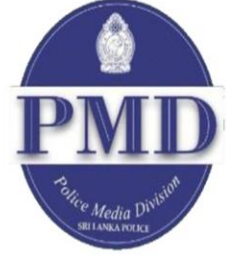


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## **Implementation of security arrangements and traffic plan for “Siri Dalada Wandanawa” Sacred Tooth Relic exposition - Police Headquarters**

Sacred Tooth Relic exposition or “Siri Dalada Wandanawa” will commence at 3.30 pm and continue till 05.30 pm on 18.04.2025 and thereafter, it is scheduled to be held from 12.00 noon to 05.30 pm every day from 19.04.2025 to 27.04.2025 at the premises of the Temple of the Tooth Relic, Kandy. More than 2 million local and foreign devotees are expected to attend to pay obeisance to the sacred Tooth Relic. Therefore, during this period, the Sri Lanka Police has planned to implement a special security program for the security of the sacred Tooth Relic, premises of the Temple of the Tooth Relic, and the devotees. Accordingly, officers will be deployed for conducting searches on the public, traffic control and duties at roadblock, and more than 10,000 police officers, including 35 gazetted officers, are scheduled to be deployed in this regard, Since the inflow of vehicles, with devotees to pay obeisance to the sacred Tooth Relic, towards the city of Kandy may cause unnecessary traffic congestion in the city, the entry of vehicles into the city of Kandy will be restricted from 17.04.2025 to minimize such congestion.

Arrangements have been made for the vehicles arriving on a pilgrimage to park at the following locations for the convenience of the devotees, measures have been taken to transport them to the Temple of the Tooth Relic from those locations at a concessionary fare through a special shuttle bus service.

- Vehicles arriving from Gampola and Colombo will be stopped at the Gatambe Junction and arrangements have been made to park those vehicles at the Gatambe Stadium and Gannoruwa Road.
- Arrangements have been made for vehicles arriving from the Kurunegala-Katugastota Road to be parked near 4<sup>th</sup> Mile Post.
- Arrangements have been made for vehicles arriving from the Madawala Road to be parked at the premises of the Mahinda Rajapaksa Auditorium in Polgolla.
- Arrangements have been made for vehicles arriving from the Matale Road to be parked at Dharmashoka Mawatha having stopped at Raa Kade Junction. Measures have been taken for light vehicles to be parked at the P.T. Rajan Stadium.

- Arrangements have been made for vehicles arriving from Mahiyanganaya (Daha Ata Wanguwa) to be parked at the Bandaranaike College Grounds in Pallekele.
- Arrangements have been made for vehicles coming from Badulla to be parked at the Gurudeniya area.

Furthermore, long-distance bus services running through the city of Kandy and regular bus services starting the journey from the city of Kandy will run as usual, and these buses will be parked only in front of Bogambara Stadium and Rajapihilla parking lot for buses near YMBA. Further, short-distance buses will not be allowed to park in the city.

**During the period of the exposition of the Sacred Tooth Relic, the following alternative routes can be used for vehicles travelling through the city of Kandy.**

- ❖ Vehicles traveling from Kurunegala, Matale roads towards Colombo, Nuwara Eliya via the city of Kandy may travel towards Peradeniya via the Gohagoda road near the Katugastota Bridge and then proceed towards Colombo and Nuwara Eliya.
- ❖ Vehicles travelling from Colombo-Kandy Road and Nuwara Eliya towards Kurunegala, Matale, Mahiyanganaya may take Peradeniya-Gohagoda Road and proceed towards Mahiyanganaya via Kurunegala, Matale and Madawala.
- ❖ Vehicles travelling towards Badulla may travel via Thennekumbura, Dharmashoka Mawatha, from Mahaiyawa tunnel and proceed towards Badulla.

**The following parking lots can be used to park vehicles of the public coming to the city of Kandy for their daily needs, as they are not allowed to park their vehicles within the city.**

- ❖ Car park near Wewelpitiya Stadium - Light Vehicles
- ❖ Sahas Uyana car park - Light Vehicles
- ❖ Mahanama Stadium, Getambe - Light Vehicles
- ❖ Opposite Mahaiyawa Cemetery - Buses
- ❖ Road from Dharmasoka Mawatha Maha Wanguwa to Japan Kade Junction - Buses
- ❖ KMC car park - Light Vehicles
- ❖ Rajapihilla parking lot for buses near YMBA - Buses
- ❖ Karaliya car park - Light Vehicles
- ❖ Inside Bogambara Prison - Buses
- ❖ Bogambara Stadium - Buses
- ❖ Left side of Haragama Road from Thennekumbura Junction - Buses
- ❖ SWRD Bandaranaike Mawatha - Buses

**Roadblocks have been set up at the following locations during the time of exposition of the Sacred Tooth Relic.**

- ❖ Heerassagala Junction of William Gopallawa Mawatha
- ❖ Near the Gate of the Gatambe Stadium on Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mawatha
- ❖ Near the Ampitiya Rathu Bokkuwa
- ❖ Near the Mahaiyawa Wewelpitiya Stadium
- ❖ Lewella Bridge
- ❖ Thennakumbura Roadblock
- ❖ Near the Katugastota Bridge

- ❖ Kadugannawa Roadblock
- ❖ Near the Dodamwala Bridge
- ❖ Hanthana Road, near the IFS Institute
- ❖ Near the Polgolla Dam
- ❖ Bothalapitiya Roadblock
- ❖ Balakaduwa Roadblock
- ❖ Digana Junction

The police request the devotees participating in the “*Sri Dalada Wandanawa*” (Exposition of the Sacred Tooth Relic) to be dressed in white and to refrain from bringing large luggage, cameras, video equipment and other electronic devices to the Temple of the Tooth Relic.

Officers of Police Special Task Force, Police Kennel Division, Sri Lanka Army, Navy, and Air Force have been deployed to assist the Police officers deployed for traffic control, and for the security of devotees who are participating in the exposition of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

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