

Visas Sold at Rs.500,000. (1993, July 7). *The Observer*.

● Sinhala Buddhist organised migration of Tamils

VISAS SOLD AT RS. 500,000

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Yesterday at Katunayake Airport, police remanded a leading Sinhala Buddhist who had run a visa racket for Tamils – some of them terrorists.

Visas have been sold at Rs. 200,000 to Rs. 500,000 per person.

According to the police this racket had been going on during the past few years.

A woman named Princey Parameshwaran was also arrested at the Katunayake International Airport on Saturday evening.

The duo were arrested by alert detectives of the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) when it was found that they had come to arrange for the departure to the mainland of three Tamil youths with forged Identity Cards.

The youths who could only speak Tamil had passports bearing Sinhala names and letters identifying them as directors of a Company in Finland belonging to the Sinhala-Buddhist.

Investigations had however revealed that he owned no real business in Finland.

Investigations also revealed that he had allegedly obtained Rs.500,000 each from the three Tamil youths arrested at the airport.

Detectives who searched the brief case of the Sinhala-Buddhist had also found six more forged passports. False certificates and other forged documents were also recovered from his house police said.

Meanwhile, Interpol had informed the local police that he had earlier been queried by the Norwegian Police when about 10 youths he had sent to Norway via Finland sought political asylum there.

Police are now hunting for several others involved in the racket.

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