

# Peace talks to resume

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The Government will resume the suspended peace talks with the LTTE before the end of the year, Media, Tourism and Aviation Minister Dharmasiri Senanayake disclosed yesterday.

He told the weekly cabinet press briefing that the Government is "vigorously" pursuing the peace process. The President will make things known at the opportune moment. She seems to be hopeful on certain issues tackled. I can assure you that meaningful steps will be taken, the Minister said.

Mr. Senanayake who is also the Govern-

ment's Cabinet spokesman, when asked why the Government does not adhere to its policy of "transparency" in regard to the peace talks as well, replied that certain matters cannot be discussed openly right now. "Transparency also has a time frame," the Minister observed.

Mr. Senanayake denied that there was any secrecy in the talks with the LTTE.

Regarding reports of the government agreeing to inquire into the killing of LTTE members Sinnathamby alias Malli allegedly by government troops during the recent LTTE declared ceasefire, Mr. Senanayake said, "there seems to be no transparency in that I do not know what the position is"