

## BOI cargo verification case

# Won't budge a yard

The oscillating dispute involving the Board of Investment and two container yard companies has gone back to square one when the Colombo District Court suspended an interim order that prevented a private firm from offering its container yard facilities to the BOI for import-export cargo verification.

Colombo Additional District Judge S. M. S. Samarakone suspended the enjoining order obtained by the semi-government Ceylon Shipping Lines Ltd against the BOI and the private firm

Grayline Container Terminal (Pvt.) Limited.

The CSL, which was contracted to provide container yard facilities to the BOI for cargo verification, had obtained an ex-parte enjoining order when the contract was offered to the Greyline even before the CSL contract lapsed.

The BOI had notified the CSL that the agreement in relation to the Central Verification Terminal at Orugidawatte had ceased with effect from March 29, 2003 and that the BOI had decided to shift operation to an-

other yard with effect from March 30. The CSL, acting through Ralapanawa Associates, instituted action challenging the said decision and obtained an enjoining order.

However BOI lawyer Hiran de Alwis and Grayline lawyer Kalinga Indatissa challenged the manner in which the enjoining order was obtained and claimed that the court order was causing damage to the country's economy.

The court forthwith suspended the enjoining order.