

Seylan Bank case put off for Jan 22

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JUSTICE Hector Yapa in the Court of Appeal has directed the Customs not to arrest any employee of the Seylan Bank nor to take any documents into custody till January 22, 1998 when an application for Writ of Certiorari and Prohibition is to be supported by Counsel for the bank.

The Court ordered the Customs to continue with their investigations. The Customs commenced investigations into an alleged exchange violation by the bank involving around US dollars 150 million.

The Seylan Bank has filed an action before the Court of Appeal. The bank cited the Superintendent of Customs L.M. Nelson, Chief Assistant Preventive Officer, Customs Inquiring Officer S. Seneviratne, Director General of Customs S.M.J. Senaratne and the Attorney General as respondents.

Mr. K.C. Kamalasekera PC, Additional Solicitor General appeared for the Attorney General.

Mr. Romesh de Silva PC with Mr. Palitha Kumarasinghe and Mr. Hiran de Alwis appeared for the bank.