

CBEU trade union action

Enjoining order not extended by court

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The enjoining order that had restrained the members of the Ceylon Bank Employees Union from participating in trade union activities such as go slow, picketing and strikes was not extended by Colombo District Judge A. W. Salam, yesterday.

Earlier the enjoining order was issued by court sequel to an application by seven banks through their counsel G. G. Arulpragasam.

At the outset, Presidents' Counsel S. A. Parathalingam submitted that since the collective agreement entered into between the banks and Ceylon Bank Employees Union has expired, the enjoining order could not be

extended.

Hatton National Bank, Commercial Bank of Ceylon, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Habib Bank and the State Bank of India are the plaintiffs in the case. Ceylon Bank Employees Union is the defendant.

Romesh de Silva (PC) with Harsha Amarasekera and Hiran de Alwis instructed by G. G. Arulpragasam appeared for the plaintiff banks.

S. A. Parathalingam (PC) with Faizer Musthapha instructed by Hussain Ahamed appeared for the defendant.