



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Team Sri Lanka – Birmingham 2022**

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#### **Lankans are upbeat in spite of five afflictions**

One hundred and two athletes and officials arrived in Birmingham, yesterday (July 25, 2022), gearing up for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Games which is scheduled to begin on July 28.

However, the package came on board with the customary hic-ups when four athletes and one coach were sidelined by the Game’s health authorities due to Covid-19 affliction. Among them are two gymnasts - and their coach.

The other two players on the down list are – a basketball player and a women’s rugby player.

The Lankan contingent authorities are concerned about the pending situation and are keeping a very close tab on the situation.

A Lankan Games spokesman explained the situation in this manner. He said, “one hundred and two athletes and officials arrived in Birmingham by yesterday, and out of them, five were tested Covid-19 positive by the games’ health authorities. They have been given recuperation facilities in an isolation hotel organized by Commonwealth Games Organizers. They are in good hands and well taken care of.

“On the other hand, we are looking for the rest of the contingent to arrive and we are excited about the opening ceremony on July 28. Meanwhile, the rest of the athletes are gradually easing into the day-to-day affairs and training.

Meanwhile, two rugby players, one gymnast, one squash player and a badminton player.

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