

Newly Revamped

Milinda Moragoda's popular English TV talk show In Black & White is back at the forefront, breaking down the latest global issues and their relevance in terms of Sri Lanka. The programme, which was first broadcast on MTV/MBC ran for five years from 1999-2004.

'In Black & White' was the first and only Sri Lankan TV programme to have been broadcast in over ten countries across the Middle East and Asia on the Channel News Asia network. In addition, it was the first Sri Lankan television program to bring interviews with world leaders and leading international personalities, including prime ministers, politicians, Pulitzer-prize winning journalists, and artists. It carried interviews with over 80 guests including then Prime Ministers Mahathir Mohamad, Benazir Bhutto, Thakshin Shinawatra and Inder Kumar Gujral; US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage; Pulitzer-prize winning authors, Daniel Yergin and New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman; CNN journalists, Anita Pratap and Peter Arnett; William Hague, then Leader of the British Conservative Party and British Foreign Secretary; and Booker-Prize-winning author Amitav Ghosh; and World Bank President James Wolfensohn. The latter was one of the earliest Sri Lankan interviews to be conducted via satellite.

In Black & White with Milinda Moragoda, will be telecast on alternate Sundays on TV One, at 8:30pm before the news. It will be rebroadcast with Sinhala and Tamil subtitles on Sirasa and Shakthi. It is directed by Fredrick Dissanayake.

Future guests will include Ambassador Shiv Shankar Menon, former Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and National Security Advisor to the Government of India; and Lord Jonathan Marland, former UK Minister, Conservative Party Treasurer and present Chairman of the Commonwealth and Investment Council.

Milinda Moragoda's regular Sinhala programme Milinda Samaga Niyamarthaya will be telecast as usual every Saturday at 6am on Sirasa TV and repeated at 5pm on TV One