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# CEB to start work on Upper Kotmale

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Despite the Government not officially giving its approval for the Upper Kotmale power project yet, the CEB is making arrangements to hold the foundation stone laying ceremony on August 15.

Acting Chairman of CEB M. Zubair told The Sunday Times that a project office has been set up and is

in the process of recruiting staff.

"We have to settle certain matters before we start on the project. At present we are identifying the families that will be displaced. Once these matters are disposed of we will ask the Japanese Government to send a consultant" he said.

Last week the committee appointed by the Government to

study the project handed over its report to the Prime Minister, giving the green light for the project but stating that steps should be taken to prevent an adverse impact on the environment.

However, the Prime Minister has to give his approval for the project to begin. Meanwhile the CWC which has been lobbying against the

project states that the CEB has no right to set a date for the laying of the foundation stone ceremony next month. "It was the PM who appointed the committee and he will decide what action should be taken on the findings, so it is not right for the CEB to say that the project will come through". CWC MP Yogarajah told The Sunday Times.

## MPs to be disciplined

In the aftermath of one of the most disgraceful incidents in parliament last Wednesday, the Speaker is to hold a second meeting with party leaders to discuss ways to enforce discipline and ban banners and placards in the House. The opposition PA has accused UNP MPs of being responsible for some savage attacks but the UNP has denied this while assuring that disciplinary action would be taken against any offending MPs.