

Os Portugueses deixaram uma impressão duradoura no Sri Lanka. Sabes o que significam estes nomes?

The Portuguese arrived in Ceylon, or *Ceilão*, as they called it, by chance. In 1505, a fleet commanded by Lourenço de Almeida—the son of Francisco de Almeida, the first viceroy of Portuguese India—was blown into Galle by adverse winds. It was thirteen years later, in 1518, that the Portuguese established formal contact with the Kingdom of Kotte, ruled by Vira Parakrama Bahu, and were permitted to build a fort in Colombo.

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