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## Introduction

The Presidential Election of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 was won by incumbent President Mahinda Rajapaksa of the United Peoples Freedom Alliance (UPFA). He obtained 6,015,934 or 57.88% - a majority of 1,842,749 votes. His main challenger General (Rtd) Sarath Fonseka of the New Democratic Front (NDF) polled 4,173,185 votes or 40.15% of the votes cast. General Fonseka contested the election results and has filed an election petition case.

A total of 10,495,451 or 74.49 % cast their votes out of an overall total of 14,088,500 eligible voters. There were 11,098 polling stations and 886 counting centres. CMEV deployed 170 Monitors during the campaign and an additional 3500 Monitors to polling stations on Election Day. In addition CMEV also deployed 110 Mobile Monitors and 18 International Observers on Election Day. 7,196(65%) polling stations were covered by CMEV.

CMEV also ran a public interest poster and hoarding campaign against electoral violence as well as put up a Google map of incidents of electoral violence. This map can be accessed on:

<http://cmev.wordpress.com/maps/>

CMEV expresses its grave concern that the electoral process in the Presidential Election was deeply flawed by violence, malpractice, the considerable abuse of state resources and flagrant disregard of the authority of the Election Commissioner. However, on the basis of evidence in its possession, CMEV cannot responsibly corroborate the allegations of decisive violence and malpractice in the count - from which monitors are in any event excluded -or conclude that the winner of the election was not the choice of the majority of the electorate.

## Issues

The Presidential election was significant in that it was the first national election following the defeat of the LTTE and one therefore conducted in a post-war environment and with the unfettered participation of voters in

the North and East. However, expectations of a violence and malpractice free election campaign period, Election Day as well as post-election period, were not met and the participation of voters in the North in particular was not without impediment.

Given the context in which this election was conducted, the scale of violence and malpractice was comparable to elections held during the war. Particularly disturbing from the perspective of the protection and strengthening of the integrity of the electoral process, was the blatant flouting of the authority of the Election Commissioner which the Commissioner himself publicly referred to in the course of the election campaign and when announcing the official results.

The campaign was marred by the blatant partisanship of the state controlled media and the open disregard of the Competent Authority appointed by the Election Commissioner to address this. Consequently, the Election Commissioner revoked the appointment of the Competent Authority. The Commissioner's orders to the Police to remove illegal banners, posters and cut-outs of candidates went largely unheeded and on more than one occasion he had to intervene to reverse transfers of Police officers made in violation of his directives. There were a number of allegations of irregularities in postal voting. Whilst the misuse and abuse of state resources has been a bad practice in previous elections, in this one the scale and extent was noted to be especially egregious by monitors focusing on this aspect of the election process. Whilst the opposition allegations of serious and decisive malpractice in the counting process are to be addressed in the courts, threat, intimidation and assault of counting agents did occur and compound the integrity of the electoral process in this election.

The above highlight yet again the pivotal importance of the implementation of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution, which CMEV and its constituent organizations have campaigned for to the extent of petitioning the Supreme Court on this issue in the public interest. This Amendment for which violence and malpractice highlighted by election monitors served as a catalyst, provides for a Constitutional

Council as the nominating body for a series of independent oversight commissions including an election commission and commissions for the police, public service, human rights and the judiciary. The term of office of the original Constitutional Council has lapsed and new appointments to it have not been made. As a result, the members of existing commissions are unilateral appointments of the President.

The one exception to this is the Election Commission, which was never established on account of the previous President disagreeing with a particular nomination of the Constitutional Council. However, the Seventeenth Amendment states that the current Election Commissioner and this individual only, can exercise the powers of the Election Commission provided for under the Amendment until such a Commission is constituted. The Commissioner however appears to be very reluctant to exercise these powers to the extent guaranteed by the Constitution. This also holds in the case of ordinary legislation as evinced by the case of the appointment and withdrawal of the Competent Authority. Consequently, his credibility and independence in the eyes of the voters has suffered.

Independent commissions exercising the full gamut of their constitutionally guaranteed powers are fundamentally necessary for the protection and strengthening of the integrity of the electoral process. Punitive transfers of officials and other forms of partisan political interference in the work of officials and institutions charged with the responsibility for the conduct of elections, erodes public trust and confidence in the electoral process – the basic mechanism of choice and change in a functioning democracy. The critical concern here is that systemic dysfunction and defect of this nature could adversely impact voter turnout, public faith and confidence in the existing institutions and processes of representative democracy, especially the electoral process.

The Presidential Election also highlighted issues relating to IDP voting, especially that of voter identity documentation and transport arrangements for IDP voting. The cumulative effect of inadequate information on, and awareness of the required voter identity documentation, as well as the substantial delays in transport, resulted in

the effective disenfranchisement of IDP voters. Given the challenge of peace, reconciliation and unity that Sri Lanka has to surmount in order to move from a post-war situation to that of a post-conflict one, the removal of constraints of this nature to the fullest participation of voters in the North and East, must be accorded priority. The Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA), a constituent member of CMEV, petitioned the Supreme Court on the arrangements for IDP voting and the Court has directed that all information and arrangements be provided well in advance and the experience of the Presidential Election should not be repeated.

## Recommendations

CMEV recommends that:

- 1) The Election Commissioner exercises the full gamut of powers vested in him by the Constitution and the ordinary law, especially the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution and the law relating to the powers and functions of a Competent Authority.
- 2) Information relating to voter identity documentation should be widely publicized well in advance of Polling Day, and the cooperation of local officials in this procedure ensured. Special attention should be given to IDP voters.
- 3) Likewise, with the transport arrangements for IDP voters. There must be no delays in transportation resulting in the effective disenfranchisement of IDP voters.
- 4) The Election Commissioner must allow election monitors to observe the count.
- 5) The Police should investigate complaints of election related violence and take appropriate action under the law against proven perpetrators. They should provide the Election Commissioner and the public with a progress report on their investigations.
- 6) Political parties should demonstrate their commitment to violence and malpractice free electoral politics by denying nomination to known perpetrators.
- 7) The Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution should be implemented in full and without delay.

# **PRE-ELECTION MONITORING**

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## Presidential Elections-2010

### Field Visit Report

30<sup>th</sup> December 2009

#### Introduction:

The Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) visited selected areas of the North and East from 22 -25 December 2009 to identify the issues pertaining to the voter application process for displaced persons, the availability of required identification documents and the general context in which the campaign is being conducted. CMEV met with Government officials, political party representatives, leading civil society actors including religious leaders, the media, academics, and displaced persons.

#### Response to the Elections and Campaigning:

Interest and attention in the election among the general public in Vavuniya appeared to be low as parties have yet to intensify campaign activities. Very few posters of presidential candidates Mahinda Rajapakshe and Sarath Fonseka have been displayed within Vavuniya Town and according to civil society activists there has not been any presidential election related public meetings in the

district up to date. The EPDP though, has issued a handout to the public expressing support for Mahinda Rajapakshe.

In the Mannar District the campaign of the ruling alliance is intensifying. CMEV was informed that a meeting organized by the ruling alliance under the patronage of Minister Rishard Badiudeen was held at the Mannar Town Hall on 06<sup>th</sup> December. CMEV also noticed that some posters of the two main presidential candidates have appeared in the Mannar town.

Civil society leaders told CMEV that people will show more interest in a parliamentary election, on account of it constituting an opportunity to select their local representative. They also predicted greater voter interest closer to polling day based on the decisions and campaigning mode of the regional Tamil political parties. Civil society leaders expressed the view that people should use the election as an opportunity to demand their rights.

CMEV also met displaced voters in the welfare camps as well as those with host families. They informed CMEV that it was too early to decide on a candidate and that this decision would be based on their assessment of the prospects for prosperity into the future, since they have undergone innumerable hardships and had to endure unlawful detention. They however told CMEV that they welcomed an election at this point as an opportunity to express their opinion.

In Trincomalee people seem to be engaged with their daily activities and have not been grabbed by election fever. CMEV noticed that UPFA cutouts and posters with development -oriented messages have been displayed throughout the district. Some local Tamil politicians were of the view that there was no difference between two main presidential candidates and that the people also shared this opinion. CMEV observed an enthusiasm for the election among

people in Kinniya. The Chairman of the Kinniya Pradhesya Sabha, Mr.Salih, attributed this to the campaigning activities of regional politicians. CMEV learnt however, that no public meetings have been conducted in the district after the close of nominations.

Displaced people residing in Kattaparichan, Pattitadal and Kilivetti welfare centres in the Trincomalee district, expressed their frustration with Tamil politicians whom they said they had trusted but who had failed to fulfill 'election promises'.

The ruling alliance has put up posters and cutouts along the streets throughout the Batticaloa District. These display photographs of President Mahinda Rajapakshe and the Minister Vinayagamoorthi Muralitharan and were seen near the clock tower of Batticaloa town and near the Kalladi Bridge. Civil society actors project a competition for Muslim votes among the politicians in the Batticaloa District and intimidation of Tamil voters, allegedly by former armed groups. They also said that there could be incidents of violence, which will not be reported to the police because of fear.

#### **Preparations for Elections:**

CMEV interviewed the Assistant Election Commissioners of Wannu, Batticaloa and Trincomalee and other relevant government officials including Grama Niladharis.

Assistant Election Commissioner of Vavuniya Mr. A.S.Karunanidhi told CMEV that there are 266,915 registered voters in the Wannu Electoral District according to the 2008 Electoral Register on a breakdown of 112,924 in Vavuniya, 85, 322 in Mannar and 68,729 in Mullaithivu. He further explained that there will be 91 Polling Stations in Vavuniya, 68 in Mannar and 50 in Mullaithivu. He also stated that 13 polling centres will be set up for surrendees who reside in the Surrendees Welfare Centres in Vavuniya and that the polling

centres for displaced persons will be decided upon once their applications were processed. On the issue of the availability of voter identity documentation, he stated that the numbers with NICs was difficult to assess. He was however of the view that more than 90% would have the required identification documents because of security requirements in the electoral district. He further stated that all measures necessary for the distribution of temporary identification documents for voting purposes would be taken.

There are 241,133 registered voters and 278 polling centres in the Trincomalee District. The Assistant Election Commissioner for Trincomalee District, Mr. H.M.N.Dinipriya, told CMEV that the NIC numbers of around 50,000 voters have not been recorded in the voter register. He pointed out that the voters may possess NICs or other required identification documents and that in any event measures to distribute temporary identification document for the purpose of voting are being taken. Grama Niladharis have been instructed in this regard but have not received any applications so far.

The Assistant Commissioner for the Batticaloa District Mr.T.Kirishnananthalingam told CMEV that according to the 2008 Electoral Register there are 333,644 voters and that 314 polling centres will be set up throughout the district. The NIC numbers of some 40,000 registered voters have not been recorded in the voter register. He further stated that arrangements have been made to distribute temporary identification documents for voting purposes. The Assistant Election Commissioner also noted that he receives anonymous telephone calls regarding cutouts but no written complaints on this have been received so far.

#### **Voting rights of Displaced People:**

CMEV welcomes the steps taken by the Election Commissioner to ensure the voting rights of displaced people. Quoting section 127B of

the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 01 of 1981 and section 119B of the Presidential Election Act No 15 of 1988, the Election Commissioner has issued a notice in Sinhala and Tamil on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009 calling for applications from those who are unable to vote at their designated polling stations on account of displacement. The deadline for application initially was December 10<sup>th</sup>. It was extended to the 17<sup>th</sup> and then to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, since the number of applications received were small in comparison to the large number of displaced voters. The sections of the relevant statutes are;

**B (1)** *Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Law, any registered elector who reasonably fears that due to conditions prevailing in the area within which his polling station is situated, that he is unable to cast his vote at such polling station, may make an application to the Commissioner of Elections within one week of the notice of nomination, requesting that he may be allowed to cast his vote at another polling station determined by the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion.*

**(2)** *The Commissioner shall within a week of receipt of an application inform such elector whether such application is accepted or rejected. The decision of the Commissioner shall be final and shall not be questioned in any Court of law.*

**(3)** *Where such vote is cast, such vote shall be counted along with the votes of the electoral district where such elector is registered.*

CMEV is concerned about the lack of information of the above amongst IDPs and misinterpretation on the ground, particularly in the north, with regard to the application process.

<sup>1</sup> As of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2009 according to the District Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Secretariat, Vavuniya

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**Lack of Awareness among displaced voters with regard to the application process:** During its visit to the north, CMEV identified that most of the displaced voters are not aware of this application procedure – those living in camps are better informed than those living with host families.

CMEV was told by a Grama Niladhari who is responsible for Kadirgamar Relief Village that 3,121 applications (Mullaithivu-1,238, Vavuniya-78, Mannar-152, and Killinochi-1,653) out of 7,515 IDPs have been received.

According to CMEV field reports only 4,809 applications (Mullaithivu-1,847, Vavuniya-400, Mannar-171, Killinochi-2,375 and Jaffna-16) have been received from Ramanathan Relief Village where some 32,712 IDPs are living.

CMEV visited the Musali Camp located in the Mannar District housing some 69 families. Here, the responsible Grama Niladhari Officer has instructed all voters regarding the process and issued them with application forms.

CMEV also met displaced voters in Mannar who are living with host families. In discussions with them it was learnt that most of them are not aware of the procedure and have not received application forms.

A displaced voter from Mullaithivu living with a host family in Vavuniya told CMEV that he is not aware of the application process and came to know about it only after the discussion with CMEV staff.

CMVE visited the Koomankulam, Bandarikkulam and Thonikkal areas of Vavuniya District where most IDPs are living with host families. CMEV met the Grama Niladhari of Koomankulam, who

said that he had informed the public twice in the last week using the public address systems but had received only a few applications. IDPs CMEV met in these areas however were mostly unaware of the process. Those that were aware stated that they had been informed by their neighbours. They however were not aware of the 23 December deadline.

CMEV asked government officials as to why only few applications have been received though steps have been taken to disseminate information. Many replied that they could only take measures to inform people and not to compel them to apply. They pointed out that most may not be interested in elections. Few officials agreed that it is impossible to disseminate information to every household as the people are scattered.

**Expectations of rapid resettlement:** another factor bearing on the applications process is that people both wish and expect to come out of the camp and be resettled as soon as possible. CMEV interviewed a family who recently returned from the Menik farm complex and are now living in the Musali Camp. Expecting to be resettled soon they have not applied to vote. They further stated that there are around 10 such families living in the same camp. Few interviewees from Zone V and the Kadirgamar Relief Villages of Menik farm complex said that they have not applied to vote because they expected to be resettled before the elections. Civil society actors charged that the government will technically resettle most of IDPs before the elections for political gain.

**Misinterpretations and confusion regarding the application process:** CMEV noticed that the application procedure is misinterpreted and misunderstood. Some interviewees told CMEV that they have not applied to vote because they assume that since they are living within the Wanni electoral district they do not have to

apply. They also pointed out that they did not have to do so in the last presidential election and that they were given facilities to vote in clustered polling centres.

No clear instructions have been given to the Grama Niladhari officers in this regard. Normally applications are issued to all on request. The Assistant Election Commissioner of Vavuniya, A.S. Karunanidhi, told CMEV that applications are issued to all as the notice says that those who cannot vote in their registered polling centre should apply. He told CMEV that the final decision regarding polling centres will be made by the Election Commissioner.

**Displaced are not limited to North and East:** CMEV also met two voters in the Kadirgamar welfare camp who are registered in the Badulla and Galle Districts and who went to the Wanni for business and matrimonial purposes. They have not applied to vote assuming that this notice is only for voters registered in the North and East. There may be voters in a similar situation from other districts as well.

**Conclusion:** CMEV notes with concern the number of applications - 31,758- received by the Department of Elections as of 28<sup>th</sup> December. This figure could be lower since some applications may be rejected. CMEV calls on the Election Commissioner to ensure that every displaced voter who is registered in the 2008 Electoral Register will be able to vote. Considering the issues and confusion pertaining to the application process and given the assurances by senior election officials, CMEV urges the Election Commissioner to issue a special notice to the displaced voters enumerating the application procedure and requisite voter identity documentation, thereby ensuring that neither of these factors will inhibit the fullest exercise of the franchise by displaced persons. CMEV also urges the Commissioner and election officials to make sure that the displaced voters are aware of the location of cluster and special polling centres

through their Grama Niladharis and Camp Officers.


CMEV calls on the media and civil society organizations to assist the Commissioner's office as well as through initiatives of their own, on voter education.

CMEV calls upon the Commissioner and colleagues to establish an effective mechanism in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Transport Board to assure proper transportation facilities for displaced voters. CMEV urges the line ministry to consider this as a matter of priority and recommends that the Election Commissioner establish a special committee to look into the transportation arrangements.

CMEV was formed in 1997 by the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA), the Free Media Movement (FMM) and the Coalition against Political Violence as an independent and nonpartisan organization to monitor the incidence of election related violence. Currently, CMEV is made up of CPA, FMM and INFORM Human Rights Documentation Centre.



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## **Presidential Election - 2010**

### **Field Visit to Jaffna, Killinochchi & Vavuniya**

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010**

The Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) conducted a field visit to the Jaffna, Killinochchi and Vavuniya districts from 17-19<sup>th</sup> January 2010 to monitor the situation prior to the 26<sup>th</sup> January Presidential election. CMEV met with residents of the area including those who had recently returned, internally displaced person (IDPs), civil society groups, agencies and government officials.

#### **Travelling North on the A9**

Consequent to the announcement of the Presidential election many of the restrictions imposed on movement have been lifted and a greater freedom of movement to and within the North was evident. The A9 road is open 24 hours and with very few check points along the way. The check point in Madawachchiya, from which during the war, people had to obtain a pass to access the North has been completely dismantled with only a few security personnel present. Accessing Vavuniya by road is now easy. The only two check points on the A9 north of Vavuniya are based in Omanthai and Elephant

Pass. Here security personnel question those proceeding north. The heavy war time and immediate post-war checking seem to have disappeared, at least temporarily. As a result of the easing of travel restrictions on the A9, there is a constant stream of people visiting Jaffna, mostly from the South and travelling to see the area and visit Nainathivu, an island which has religious significance for Buddhists. The relaxation of travel has also increased commerce and trade in the area. Many more items are available in the market and Sinhalese traders have also set up stalls. One resident told CMEV that certain days saw as many as 15,000 persons from the South visiting Jaffna. Residents of Jaffna commented that while it was positive to see people from the South visiting the area, there were very few resources and structures in place to host this influx and as a result people were sleeping in buses and public buildings. Generally the mood of visitors and hosts was one of mutual acceptance.

Restrictions were also relaxed within Jaffna. Accessing islands was easy with no military approval or registration needed. Security personnel also seemed more relaxed and friendly, compared to the tense situation seen in previous years. CMEV was also informed that certain areas in the High Security Zone (HSZ) such as Kirimale were accessible. Though freedom of movement has been welcome by residents of Jaffna, there is an apprehension that such relaxations may end after the Presidential elections and that previous restrictions will be enforced. This fear and the novelty of travelling on the A9 have increased traffic on the road throughout the day and night. Between Omanthai and Elephant Pass a number of small tea stalls have cropped up. An area that was sparse during the period of LTTE control is changing, with returnees setting up small shacks including small shops, demining activity continuing and old structures being replaced with new ones. What is most striking on the drive north from Omanthai are the military and police posts, camps and structures that have been set up. Both sides of the A9 have

been cleared and demining activity either completed or continuing. Cleared areas have been settled with returnees who have makeshift shacks. Around these shacks and in other areas, there is heavy military, police and STF presence. It is also evident that several shops and structures selling refreshments have been established and run by the military.

The Vanni landscape reflects the rapid and dramatic change in the area. Previous landmarks are fast disappearing, with new structures and sites coming up. Former LTTE administrative structures such as the LTTE Police have been taken over for Government offices and other buildings such as the UNCHR building in Killinochchi now houses the Police. CMEV was informed that the development taking place in the area comes under the Northern Springs project and is controlled by the Presidential Task Force. There were two very large victory monuments built by the side of the A9 road. They are heavily guarded by the military. One is in Elephant Pass and the other is in Killinochchi. The latter was surrounded by military personnel and did not seem to be accessed by civilians. CMEV also noted the Buddhist temples and shrines built along the A9 road. CMEV saw three such structures during the trip which were visible from the A9. It is unclear as to what has been done in the interior as movement to these areas is restricted. The new structures and controls in the Vanni including the large military presence, new military installations, monuments and Buddhist temples, raises the question of the plans envisaged by government for the area and in particular as to whether these plans involve the establishment of military cantonments there.

Though there is developmental progress in Killinochchi and the other towns along the A9, the lives of returnees are yet to improve. Many continue to live in temporary shacks and face hardship in accessing basic services. Though children are able to go to school,

buildings are damaged, there is no furniture and classes are conducted in makeshift structures. Farming and other livelihoods of returnees have been halted due to restrictions. Many resort to having small shacks by the side of the road and have to manage with the assistance given to them when returned.

Whilst damage and destruction was still evident in most places in Killinochchi and Jaffna, many of the people seemed more relaxed. Concern was nevertheless expressed that the new found freedom may not last beyond the election and that many restrictions could be reimposed.

### **Campaigning for Elections in the North**

CMEV noted that in the areas visited there were few posters of the candidates and that most election material that was put up seemed to have been removed. A few posters of Mahinda Rajapakse were evident in Jaffna town, areas in the Killinochchi district and Vavuniya. A poster of the President and Minister Douglas Devananda was seen in the islands. Posters and cutouts of the two main candidates were visible in party offices in Jaffna and Vavuniya. CMEV did not come across campaign materials or party offices of the other candidates. CMEV was informed that public meetings were held by several of the candidates in Jaffna and Vavuniya but no campaigning was visible in the Killinochchi district. The team was also informed that state resources were used - several CTB buses were used to transport people to the Duraipappa Stadium for the public rally held by Mahinda Rajapakse in Jaffna town.

The CMEV team was informed that campaigning by local MPs and other politicians was limited in Jaffna and Vavuniya and there was no campaigning in Killinochchi. In Jaffna and Vavuniya many stated that the UPFA campaign was spearheaded by Minister Douglas Devananda with the involvement of other politicians. There were

also reports that the previously detained and recently released TNA MP Kannagaratnam was brought to Vavuniya, given a government bungalow and vehicle and asked to campaign for Mahinda Rajapakse. The team was also told that recent returnees were provided with dry rations and asked to vote for Mahinda Rajapakse. This was said to have occurred in areas in Vavuniya including villages in Chettikulam DS. The CMEV team was informed of three villages in Chettikulam DS where around 1200 were provided dry rations by Minister Rishard Badurdeen in January 2010. There was no visible presence or campaign by the TNA in either district and many stated that the TNA campaign will commence after 20 January. Several individuals though aware of the TNA support for Presidential candidate Sarath Fonseka, stated that none of the elected TNA MPs from Jaffna were actively campaigning, communicating with the public at large or engaging in advocacy on behalf of those who are unable to cast their vote. Whilst there was criticism of local politicians and political parties for not advocating the rights of the disenfranchised, many indicated that they will vote. There were also several who stated that the Tamil media such as the Uthayan and Veerakeswary newspapers were influential as well as proactive in providing voter information and in these respects more active than most of the local MPs.

### **Interest for Elections in the North**

The interest among Jaffna and Vavuniya residents seems much greater compared to those living in Killinochchi whose priority at this moment is the rebuilding of their lives, returning to their land and resuming their livelihoods. Many in Jaffna saw the Presidential election as an important event which provided them the opportunity to directly participate in deciding their future through the exercise of the franchise. There were others who felt that this election would not make a difference to their lives and had little confidence of change. Though there was a difference of opinion on

the elections, there was general agreement that the relaxation of restrictions in the area and greater freedom for the residents was positive. Several though questioned whether the present status was only an election gimmick by the present government. Many predicted a voter turnout of at least 50% in Jaffna and Vavuniya respectively.

From the discussions held with the various stakeholders it seems a large number of voters, mainly IDPs and returnees in the three districts, will not be able to vote for two main reasons – not being on 2008 voter list and not possessing the relevant voter identification documents. There was division among the IDPS and returnees CMEV spoke to on the importance of the exercise of the franchise at this point. Many among this group stated that elections were not priority for them and that rebuilding their lives were the most important.

### **Voter List and Related Issues**

According to Mr. Kuganathan, the Assistant Election Commissioner in Jaffna, there are 721,359 persons on the Jaffna electoral list which includes Jaffna (629,458) and Killinochchi (91,901) districts. Although there are 91,901 registered in the Killinochchi district very low numbers are back in the district. According the Government Agent in Killinochchi, only around 17,000 have returned to the district and only 5000 have applied to vote at this election. The majority of the population continues to live in displacement in camps or with host families.

On the Vanni electoral list there are 266,975 persons. This breaks down as - Mullaithivu: 68,729, Vavuniya: 112,924 and Mannar: 85,322. Many of the people the team spoke to in Jaffna peninsula informed that they were registered in the 2008 voter list. Those who were unable to register are those who were displaced prior to 2008 and

returned subsequently (discussed in detail below). According to UNHCR figures, as at 7 January 2010, there were 69,541 who were displaced from the Vanni and have returned to Jaffna. The majority of those who have returned are interested in voting but were informed by the GS that they are not on the list and can only be included when applications are called in June or July 2010. This means that a significant number of those who were displaced and returned to Jaffna will be unable to cast their vote in the Presidential elections and any other elections that are to be held in 2010. CMEV notes that special steps need to be taken by the Election Commissioner and political parties to address this situation. Sri Lanka is at an unprecedented post war situation. Over 200,000 persons were directly affected by the conflict, displaced and unable to register in the voter list of 2008 in the districts of their residence. While the present framework states that only those registered in 2008 will be able to vote in 2010, this special category requires special consideration.

### **Documentation Required for Voting**

Residents of Jaffna who spoke to CMEV informed that they possessed the necessary documentation to cast their vote. The Election Commission has recognised that seven forms of documentation are recognised to be able to vote which are-

1. National Identity Card issued by Department of Registration of Persons.
2. Valid Passport.
3. Valid Driving Licence.
4. Government Pensioner's Identity Card.
5. Elder's Identity Card.
6. Identity Card issued to the Clergy by the Department of Registration of Persons.
7. The temporary identity card issued through the Department of

Elections for the previous Provincial Council Elections. (These cards will be re-validated and re-issued to the holders though Grama Niladharis).

In an announcement made by the Commissioner of Elections on 2 December 2009, it was stated that if a person does not possess the above forms of documentation an application needs to be made prior to 15<sup>th</sup> January to obtain a temporary identity card.

Around 8000 in Jaffna who did not possess documentation were issued temporary identification cards by the local DSs which can be used to cast their vote. Several government officials stated that identification documents will be issued till the 25<sup>th</sup> or even 26<sup>th</sup> so that as many persons could apply. Similar initiatives were taking place in Killinochchi and Vavuniya.

CMEV was informed that those who had recently returned from IDP camps were not in possession of NICs or other required documents to cast their vote. Many showed temporary camp identification cards that were issued by the government and signed by the police and included a photograph of the person. Those in Allaipiddy that the CMEV team spoke to stated that they had applied for temporary documents and the GS had informed that these would be issued in the near future. Unfortunately, these IDPs were not registered in the 2008 voter list as they were displaced prior to this. They are therefore not able to vote in the Presidential election.

### **Election Day Arrangements and Concerns**

The CMEV team was informed that the GA who is the Returning Officer for the respective district and his officials in the district were working with the Election Commissioner and his officials to make arrangement for the forthcoming Presidential elections. CMEV was informed of the polling centres and cluster centres set up in the

different districts. The polling centres are as follows:

**Jaffna Electoral List 624**

Jaffna 529

Killinochchi 95

**Vanni Electoral List 222**

Mullaithivu 50

Vavuniya 91+ (13 centres for surendees)

Mannar 68

**Cluster Booths:**

**Jaffna**

Sixty eight (68) centres will be clustered in the Killinochchi Public Playground, 19 centres will be located in 13 selected places and another 08 centres will be located in 4 selected places. Kankasanthurai will have 34 clusters and 8 centres clustered in Kudathanai Relocation Centre, Point Pedro

**Vanni**

Vavuniya:

8 centres will be clustered in Puliyankulam Tamil Maha

Vidyalayam

4 centres in Vavuniya Tamil Maha Vidyalayam

**Mullaithivu**

35 Centres will be clustered in Vavuniya Tamil Maha Vidyalayam

Mannar

4 centres will be clustered in Vannamodai G.T.M.School

2 centres will be clustered in Kaddaiyadampan R.C.T.M School

Many of the people CMEV spoke to indicated that they had received polling cards. Those who had not received polling cards stated that

they were waiting for the cards and if they did not receive them that they would raise the issue with the GS and check at the local post office.

The Returning Officers in the three districts visited stated that measures had been taken to raise awareness of where the polling centres will be located through the GSs and local media. There was also information disseminated through Tamil media as to where the cluster booths will be located in the three districts. While this has taken place, CMEV came across several persons including recently returned persons in Jaffna who were unaware of where they had to go to vote. CMEV urges relevant government officials to widely disseminate information of where the respective polling centres and cluster booth are to be located. The Returning Officers also stated that transport will be arranged for returnees and IDPs who are presently residing in a particular district but registered to vote in a different district. In Jaffna it is estimated that 400-500 persons will be voting in cluster booths in other districts including Killinochchi, Vavuniya and therefore transport will be arranged for those who have applied for this facility. What is unclear is the location from which persons in need of transport can access the facility and the time at which the facility will be available. This information must be widely circulated to persons who are eligible for transport to avoid confusion on Election Day.

Further, many persons CMEV spoke to stated that they were confused about how to mark the ballot paper and ensure the validity of their vote. There was confusion among voters of how to proceed with preference votes and whether a cross or numbers should be used. This is an issue that the Election Commissioner, district officials and political parties need to address to ensure that voters follow the recognised form of voting.

CMEV was informed that in Jaffna, training for polling agents had taken place to educate the polling agents on how to conduct the elections on the day and to be aware of steps to be taken when a problem arises. Several in Jaffna stated that polling agents and other officials were brought in from the South for the Municipal elections held in Jaffna in August 2009 and that a similar initiative should be introduced for the forthcoming Presidential elections to avoid malpractices. CMEV was not informed of persons being brought from the South for the Presidential elections. We urge the Election Commissioner and the Government Agents to assess the situation in the districts and take the necessary steps to avoid election malpractices.

The Returning Officers stated that displaced persons who had applied to vote will be able to do so in polling centres which are set up outside of the camps. Polling cards have been sent to the camps. There was confusion with regard to how those who have returned to their land will receive polling cards if they had applied for them while residing in camps and had given the camp address on their application. Confusion remained as to whether they would have to travel to the camps to collect the polling cards or whether the polling cards would be posted to a new address. Though polling cards are not mandatory for voting, this is an example of the confusion and lack of planning when it comes to the voting rights of IDPs and returnees.

According to the National Action Plan that was formulated by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights in October 2009, there remain around 11,000 'surrendered'. These persons fall under Emergency Regulations No 1405/14 of August 2005 and No 1462/8 of September 2006 which provides that a person who surrenders can remain in rehabilitation camps for up to 12 months with a possible extension of another 12 months. Surrendered fall

within the purview of the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation. CMEV was informed that there are presently discussions to allow 'surrendered' to vote. Following booths are set up for 'surrendered' based on the applications accepted;

1. V/Pampaimadu Campus Hostel-137
2. V/Technical College,Nelukkulam-272
3. V/Muslim Maha Vidyalayam Paddanichchur,Hall No 04-141
4. V/Gamini Maha Vidyalayam-81
5. V/Kandapuram Vani Maha Vidyalayam-189
6. V/Vavuniya Tamil Maha Vidyalayam(Primary)-153
7. V/Rambaikulam Girls Maha Vidyalayam.Hall No 02-106
8. V/Hindu College,Kovilkulam-112
9. V/Velikkulam Junior School Hall No 03-111
- 10.V/Poonthodam Maha Vidyalayam Hall No02-164
- 11.V/Omanthai Maha Vidyalayam Hall No 02-370
- 12.V/Mudaliyarkulam G.T.M.School Hall No 02-336
- 13.V/Pampaimad Zone I-137

Votes are to be counted in counting centres identified by the Election Commissioner in each district. Therefore votes casted under the Jaffna electoral list will be counted in Jaffna. Killinochchi district falls within the Jaffna electoral list and CMEV was informed that arrangements have been made to transport ballot boxes from polling centres and cluster booths in Killinochchi to Jaffna. Ballot boxes are to be transported by road accompanied by the Election Officials, Police and Political party agents.

### **Right to Vote of the IDPs and Returnees**

IDPs and those who have returned have the same constitutional right as every citizen of Sri Lanka including the right to vote. Those who have directly borne the brunt of the conflict and been displaced from their homes have been unable to obtain proper documentation

and register due to the hardships faced as a result of the conflict. They need special attention. This is an unprecedented situation, with more than 100,000 IDPs still remaining in camps. Around 150,000 have been returned, though CMEV discussion with these groups indicate that many are unaware of their right to vote or unable to cast their vote. CMEV is concerned that several thousand could be disenfranchised due to several reasons including lack of registration, lack of proper documentation, not being aware of being able to vote in the district of their current residing and of the location of their polling station.

CMEV welcomes steps already taken by the Election Commissioner to address the rights of IDPs and those returned including the newspaper advertisements informing voters where to vote which appeared in the Tamil press in January 2010 and the extension provided for IDPs to register to vote. Though these measures have addressed concerns somewhat, the visit to Jaffna, Killinochchi and Vavuniya highlighted that problems still persist.

CMEV met with several persons who were previously residing in Jaffna and had been displaced to the Vanni as a result of the conflict. According to UNHCR figures, as at 7 January 2010, there were 69,541 who were displaced from the Vanni and have returned to Jaffna. With such a large number returning and returns still continuing, there are concerns about these returnees being eligible to vote. Several persons CMEV spoke to in Allaipiddy and Kayts indicated that they were registered to vote in Jaffna prior to being displaced. All confirmed that they were present in Jaffna when the 1981 census - the last census in Jaffna - was conducted. They felt that this should be considered as evidence of their residence in the district. CMEV raised these concerns with government officials who stated that if persons are not on the 2008 Jaffna voter list, they are not eligible to vote in any of the elections in 2010 which includes the Presidential election,

Parliamentary election and Northern Provincial Council elections. The 2008 voter list was compiled with applications accepted in 2007 and therefore leaves out persons displaced or who migrated prior to this date. With the conflict, many were displaced, unable to register and lost their documentations. Special consideration needs to be given to this group of people who have faced severe hardships as a result of the conflict and who now face disenfranchisement on account of a legal framework which does not take on board the impact of conflict and displacement. CMEV urges all stakeholders to formulate new legislation to recognise the difficulties faced by those who are affected by disasters and accordingly unable to register in the voter list.

Though the census is a starting point to verify whether persons resided in Jaffna prior to displacement, this does not address those who were born after 1981 and are presently over 18 years of age and not recognised in any list in Jaffna. CMEV urges the Census Department to conduct a census in the whole of Sri Lanka as soon as possible.

The CMEV team was informed that the older IDPs in Jaffna such as those displaced from the HSZ are in the Jaffna voter list of 2008 and will be eligible to vote in cluster booths that are to be set up near the HSZ.

Lack of documentation is another issue cited by IDPs and returnees which may lead to disenfranchisement. CMEV was informed that 8000 temporary identity documents have been issued in Jaffna for the forthcoming elections and that more are to be issued before elections.

CMEV also notes that those returning are registered with several government ministries due to their displacement and return. Those

who return have previously been issued a temporary camp card by the Police, are in the government database of those having returned, received the return assistance of Rs 25,000 which includes a deposit to a bank account by the government and have received dry rations from the government. They are therefore in at least one government database and their status verified by government officials. A special case can be made to ensure that those IDPs and returnees who are on previous voter lists, registered with the government as IDPs and returnees and in possession of at least the temporary ID with a photograph, should be able to apply to their respective Division Secretary who in turn certifies a letter confirming that the person is either an IDP or returnee and gets it approved by the respective Government Agent who is also the Returning Officer for the district. CMEV recommends that the certified letter and a photo ID such as the temporary camp ID issued by the Police should be allowed as valid voter identity documentation for this special category of persons.

Out of over 100,000 remaining in displacement, only 31,000 have applied to cast their vote at the Presidential elections. CMEV was informed that of the above number only 23,000 applications were accepted. The low number of applications could mean several things - lack of interest among IDPs to lack of awareness among IDPs and confusion on what needs to be done to be eligible to vote. CMEV recognises the steps taken by the Election Commissioner and his officials and other civil society organisations to raise awareness and to encourage IDPs to register. Unfortunately, several interviewed stated that many of the politicians and political parties were inactive and did not advocate IDP voter rights. It is hoped that those representing the interests of these affected groups will show more interest in the future and play a more active role in advocating their rights.

As mentioned in the previous section cluster booths and transport is to be arranged for those who are displaced. CMEV urges the authorities to publicise arrangements made so that IDPs and returnees are aware of the arrangements before election day and there is no confusion on the day itself.

CMEV welcome steps taken by the Commissioner of Elections to raise awareness of the ID's that can be used to cast one's vote. CPA, a constituent member of CMEV also conducted a public campaign in all three languages to raise awareness on the issue. CMEV notes that further awareness is required so that voters are aware of the forms of identification recognised to cast their vote and this is something that should be continuously done by the authorities and media groups.

### **Conclusion**

CMEV welcomes the lifting of restrictions on movement on the A9 road and on restrictions within Jaffna, though there is as yet no real change with the HSZ. Many have been able to return to their lands in Jaffna - the Killinochchi and Mullativu case loads are not moving as fast.

CMEV is deeply concerned with the effective disenfranchisement of IDPs and returnees in this Presidential election, the low number of applications from IDPs and the inability of many to vote due to not being on the 2008 voter list or not having the required documentation. This needs urgent addressing. The Government, Election Commissioner and political parties need to formulate proposals to ensure that rights of IDPs, returnees and those affected by disasters are respected in future disaster settings and that all are able to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Though there have been comparatively low level of violence reported from the North in this Presidential election, CMEV is

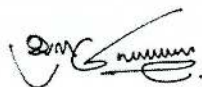
concerned with reports of state resources that may have been used in the election campaign of President Mahinda Rajapakse. CMEV is also concerned of possible malpractices on Election Day including voter intimidation, impersonation and ballot box stuffing. The high interest shown among Jaffna and Vavuniya residents is to be welcomed and CMEV encourages all those who are eligible to vote to cast their vote. These elections are the first to be held in the entire Northern Province in a post war situation and are a test on what people in the area want for their future. It is hoped that all citizens who are able to exercise their franchise will do so on January 26.

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Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake,  
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Sarana Mawatha,  
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14<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Dear Mr. Dissanayake,

## **Lack of clarity with regard to the appointment and functioning of the Competent Authority**

We write with reference to the conflicting media reports regarding the appointment and functioning of the Competent Authority envisaged under Article 104B (5) (c) of the Constitution and the Competent Authority (Powers and Functions) Act No. 3 of 2002.

We are firmly of the opinion that a situation has arisen in which the State-controlled media is acting with complete disregard for the principles of balance and impartiality inherent to any notion of responsible and professional journalism (which apply with even greater force in the case of media institutions that are publicly-owned and tax-payer funded), and in a manner that violates the guidelines you have issued under the power vested in you by Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution. In terms of Article 104B

(5) (b), therefore, the Chairmen, specifically of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation and the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, are in breach of a legal duty imposed by the Constitution itself.

In this context, we were pleased to note that you had first identified, then appointed, Mr. Jayampathy Hettiarachchi (formerly of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service) as the Competent Authority, and also to learn that certain political programmes had in fact been suspended due to their violation of your guidelines. However, it has been reported that at the Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, meeting you had with representatives of political parties, candidates and monitors (including representatives of CMEV), you had expressed your consternation, *inter alia*, at the lack of co-operation extended by the relevant State media institutions to the Competent Authority, and further, that you were considering withdrawing said appointment of the Competent Authority.

We would at once urge that you reconsider, in our view, the precipitate option of rescinding the appointment of the Competent Authority. The provision for the appointment and exercise of powers by the Competent Authority is one of the few significant mechanisms that have been provided for by the Seventeenth Amendment so as to ensure at least a semblance of propriety in the conduct of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation and the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation. Negating that mechanism in the face of intransigence would not only be legally unjustified, but also have the undesirable effect of encouraging impunity with regard to the violation of the law and the Constitution.

More generally, however, we are concerned about the public perception that neither your office nor the powers provided to it by the Seventeenth Amendment are capable of resisting attempts at nullification by those who are desirous of illegally using public institutions for the furtherance of partisan advantage at the forthcoming presidential election. We wish to assure you that we remain committed to providing any support you may require from civil society to exercise your powers under the Seventeenth Amendment so as to ensure a free and fair presidential election, including through appropriate legal action in the public interest.

We believe that it would be useful if we could further discuss the issues raised above and matters incidental thereto, as well as any co-ordinated action that we may take in ensuring that the remainder of the election is conducted according to the procedure and limitations established by law. We therefore request an appointment with you at your earliest convenience, and would suggest the following matters for discussion:

1. The status of the appointment of Mr. Jayampathy Hettiarachchi as the Competent Authority
2. The challenges encountered so far in exercising his statutory powers
3. Possible remedial measures to be taken including litigation

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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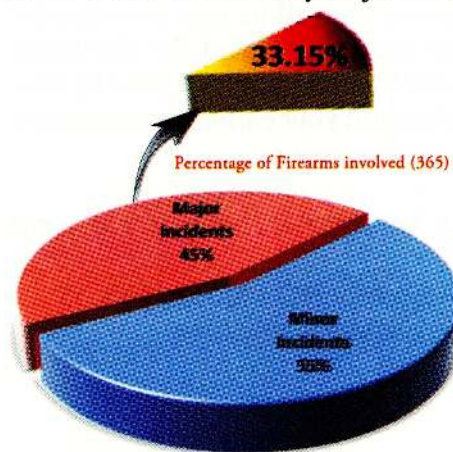
## Presidential Election - 2010

### Interim Report -I

25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 Colombo Sri Lanka CMEV is deeply concerned that the integrity of the electoral process has been seriously challenged in the course of this Presidential Election campaign. In particular, CMEV wishes to record its grave concerns over the blatant disregard demonstrated for the Rule of Law, the authority of the Election Commissioner, allegations of irregularities in the conduct of postal voting, the intervention of serving military officers in the political campaign and the misuse of state resources and of state media organs. We also wish to reiterate our concern over the effective disenfranchisement of a large number of IDPs and over the problems previously highlighted in respect of voting identity documentation.

Elections are the basic mechanism for choice and change in a functioning democracy and accordingly provide an illustration of the health of the institutions and processes of governance in the country. In this respect, what has transpired in this campaign – the first in a post war Sri Lanka in almost two decades- profiles break down and dysfunction underpinned by a zero-sum political culture

Total number of incidents by Major & Minor (809)

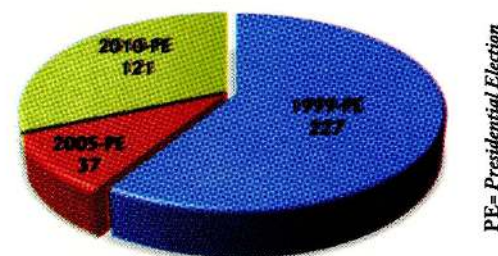


2010 Presidential Election (23/11/2009-25/01/2010)

the intensification of violence, resulting in 05 Murders and the use of firearms in 121 incidents – 14% of all incidents and 33.15% of all Major incidents - in this first election in the aftermath of the defeat of terrorism.

The percentage figure for Major incidents in this election campaign is 45% (365 out of a cumulative total of 809 in the period 23 December 2009 – 25 January 2010). Of these 365 Major incidents, Assaults constitute 27% or 99 incidents; Threat and Intimidation, 29% or 108 incidents.

Comparison of Firearm Use 2010, 2005, 1999



Total number of Incidents with firearms involved

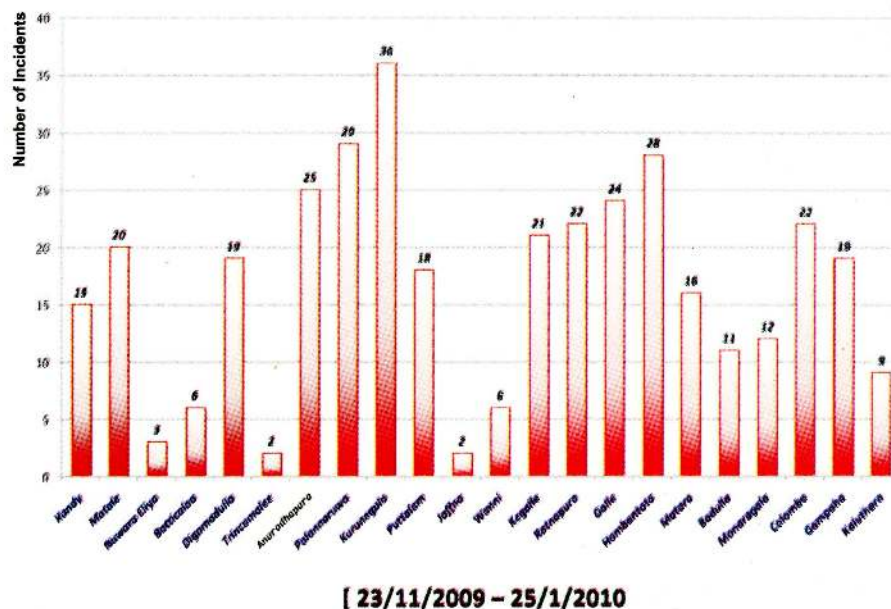
In comparison, the Presidential Elections in 1999 and 2005

impervious with seeming impunity to the norms and procedures of democratic governance.

This election campaign has been characterized by persistent mudslinging, the abuse of state resources and the

respectively recorded a 48% and 37% figure for Major Incidents. The corresponding figure for the use of firearms in 1999 and 2005 respectively was 31% and 20%.

**Major Incidents by District (365)**



The geographical spread of the Major incidents breaks down as follows:

Hambantota District with 54% or 28 incidents out of an overall district total of 52 incidents.

Polonnaruwa District with 44% or 29 incidents out of an overall district total of 66 incidents.

Anuradhapura District with 43% or 25 incidents out of an overall district total of 58 incidents.

Kurunegala District with 42% or 36 incidents out of an overall district total of 86 incidents.

In this 2010 Presidential Election campaign, the Election Commissioner has repeatedly had to issue instructions to the Police to remove posters, cutouts and banners. He has appointed and then withdrawn a Competent Authority to oversee two state-controlled media organs. He has gone on record on more than one occasion with his frustration and despair over the flagrant disregard of his constitutional authority. Consequently, professional groups have sought the intervention of religious leaders to protect the integrity of the electoral process.

Continuing electoral violence and malpractice, as CMEV has constantly stressed, underscores the pivotal importance of the full implementation of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution providing for a Constitutional Council and the establishment of independent commissions for the Police,

public service and elections amongst others. The organizations that together comprise CMEV have been in the forefront of the campaign for the full implementation of the Seventeenth Amendment. The Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA) has engaged in public interest litigation on this score as well. Whilst the Amendment is not a panacea, CMEV firmly believes that its full implementation, though not sufficient, is nevertheless vitally necessary for democratic governance in Sri Lanka.

CMEV fervently hopes that the flawed electoral process will yet produce a result that unequivocally reflects the wishes of the voters. We call upon our fellow citizens to resist all forms of violence and malpractice and vote as we traditionally have in large numbers, to restore the integrity of our institutions and processes of democratic governance. CMEV calls on all officials and the Police, charged with

the responsibility of conducting the election, to discharge their responsibilities without fear or favour and thereby ensure that despite the flawed process so far, proceedings on Polling Day will constitute an affirmation of democratic governance in Sri Lanka.

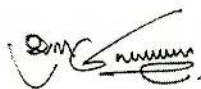
On Election Day, CMEV will be deploying a total of 3,790 monitors made up of 290 Mobile Monitors including 20 International Observers and 3,500 Monitors who will be stationed in polling centres throughout the country.

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## Annex I

### List of Politicians and supporters named as Alleged Perpetrators

Electorate	Names of Perpetrators	Party	Incident	Police Complaint
Monaragala	Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha R.M. Rathnaweera	UPFA	Assaulting a JVP supporter	No Police complaint
	Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha R.M. Rathnaweera	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office and threatening those present	Monaragala EIB 99/21
	Member of the Pradeshiya Sabha Premasiri Kumara	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring 2 UNP supporters	Monaragala 122/14 EIB 12515
	Chairman of the Siyambalanduwa Pradeshiya Sabha W.M. Chandrapala	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter	Athimale CIB/184/22
	Supporters of Minister of Nation Building A.P. Jagath Pushpakumara	UPFA	Destroying a JVP party office	Monaragala EMOR 4/2010
	Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha R.M. Rathnaweera	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring 2 JVP supporters	Monaragala EIB 159/40
	Chairman of the Makulla Pradeshiya Sabha Saman Wickramarachchi	UPFA	Destroying a JVP party office	Dambagalla - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Chairman of Badal Kumbura Pradeshiya Sabha Samarasinghe Abeysekera Badal Kumbura Pradeshiya Sabha member Kapila Samarakkodi Badal Kumbura Pradeshiya Sabha member Nihal Susantha	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP Pradeshiya Sabha member	Badal Kumbura - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha R.M. Rathnaweera	UPFA	Setting fire to a three-wheeler belonging to a JVP supporter	Monaragala EIB 181/54

Electorate	Names of Perpetrators	Party	Incident	Police Complaint
Passara	Vice Chairman of the UPFA Pradeshiya Sabha T.M. Premadasa	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter	No Police complaint
Bandarawela	Provincial Councilor and Chief Organizer Dr. Pushpakumara	UPFA	Operating a party office from within the Zonal Education Office	No Police complaint
Karandeniya	Non Cabinet Minister of Nation Building Gunarathne Weerakoon and 2 others	UPFA	Going to the complainant's home and threatening him at gunpoint	No Police complaint
	Security Officers of Non Cabinet Minister of Nation Building Gunarathne Weerakoon, Manju and Kotta	UPFA	Going to the complainants party office and intimidating them by showing a gun	Karandeniya CIB 66/30
Habaraduwa	Vice Chairman of the Imaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha A.V. Sarath Kumara and others	UPFA	Attempting to assault the complainant and damaging his motorbike	Ahangama EIB75/57
	Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha Bandupala Vice Chairman Susil Kumara Jothipala and others	UPFA	Tearing posters and making death threats to the complainant	Ahangama EIB 18/208
	Vice Chairman of the Imaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha A.V. Sarath Kumara and others	UPFA	Destroying cut outs of a party office	Meetiya goda EIB 49/32
Hiniduma	Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha member Bandula Hirimuthugoda and supporters	UPFA	Assaulting the complainant and others	Nagoda EIB 42/17
	Supporters of Minister of Vocational and Technical Training	UPFA	Causing damage to a home	Pitigala EIB 80/52
Bibile	Pradeshiya Sabha member Gamini Rajapakse	UPFA	Assaulting a JVP Organizer	Medagama - complaint number not given to CMEV

Electorate	Names of Perpetrators	Party	Incident	Police Complaint
Wellawaya	Pradeshiya Sabha member Chandrasekera	UPFA	Threatening a JVP former Pradeshiya Sabha member	Thanamalwila CIB 2/121/458
Mahiyanganaya	Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama and supporters	UPFA	An assault threat as a result of a banner being removed	Mahiyanganaya RIB 1/2
	Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama and supporters	UPFA	Firing shots at the wall of the home of JVP supporter B.A. Chaminda	Mahiyanganaya EIB 30/17
	Supporters of Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama, K.A. Jayantha and M.C. Bandara	UPFA	Assaulting a JVP supporter who works at the Mahiyangana Depot	Mahiyanganaya - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Supporters of Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter	The victim has been handed over to the Mahiyangana Police by the attackers for destroying a party office, and has been arrested. No complaint lodged therefore.
	Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama	UPFA	Destroying the cut outs of a JVP party office	No Police complaint
	Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama and supporters	UPFA	Destroying the cut outs of a JVP party office	No Police complaint
Kamburupitiya	Leader of the SLFP Mahajana Wing and Member of Parliament Mr. Mangala Samaraweera and others	NDF	Assaulting those who were at a party office	Kamburupitiya EIB 148/17
Thangalle	JVP Member of Parliament Hambanthota Nihal Galappaththi and others	JVP	Attacking a Nil Balakaya office	Thangalla EIB 01/02

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Beliatte	Kasun (son of former Beliatte Pradeshiya Sabha member Ranjith, a.k.a. Chandimalli)	UPFA	Assaulting the complainant and firing shots in the air	Beliatte - complaint number not given to CMEV as the number is not EIB
	Pradeshiya Sabha member D.V. Upul and 2 others	UPFA	Assaulting and threatening the complainant	Thangalle CIB 250/448
Baddegama	Chairman of the Wanduramba Pradeshiya Sabha Anura Narangoda	UPFA	Assaulting the complainant	Wanduramba CIB 324/134
Ambalangoda	Supporters of the Meetiyagoda Pradeshiya Sabh member Sarath Liyanaarachchi	UPFA	Assaulting the complainant	Meetiyagoda CIB 133/75
Deniyaya	Thotapola Pradeshiya Sabha member Amarasinghe and supporters	UPFA	Attacking a party office	Morawaka CIB 89/153
Keggalle	Security Officials of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councilor Dr. Parakrama Athauda	UPFA	Assaulting a JVP supporter	No Police complaint
Mawanella	Supporter of Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Maheepala Herath, K.D. Jayathissa	UPFA	Assaulting an UNP supporter	Mawanella EIB 19/19
Rambukkana	Rambukkana Provincial Councilor Galle Hamuduruwo and 5 others	UPFA	Attacking the NDF main office	Rambukkana MOIB200/74
Daraniyagala	Chairman of the Deraniyagala Pradeshiya Sabha Anil Dhammika (a.k.a. Atha Kota)	UPFA	Assaulting and threatening UNP supporter	No Police complaint
Dadigama	Supporters of Warakapola Pradeshiya Sabha member D.M. Sumanasiri	UPFA	Attacking an NDF party office	Warakapola EIB/48/34
	Chairman of the Warakapola Pradeshiya Sabha Kithsiri Wijethunga and others	UPFA	Damaging a shop	Warakapola EIB 30/15

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Ruwanwella	Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councilor Shrilal Wickramasinghe	UPFA	Attacking an NDF party office and setting fire to cut outs	Avissawella - complaint number not give to CMEV
Galigamuwa	Sbaragamuwa Provincial Councilor Imthiaz Carder and others	UPFA	Attacking JVP party office and setting fire to cut outs and decorations	Kegalla EIB/73/22
Rakwana	Driver of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Minister of Animal Production and Irrigation Ranjith de Soyza, Wasantha (Alibaby) and others	UPFA	Assaulting an NDF supporter	Godakawela EIB 32/72
Kalawana	Supporters of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Minister of Road Development Janaka Wakkumbura, Pulasthi, Sandakan and Saman	UPFA	Assaulting UNP supporters and damaging vehicles	Kalawana CIB 164/363]
Palmadulla	Palmadulla Pradeshiya Sabha member P.D. Ariyaratne and others	UPFA	Attacking the home of a UNP supporter	Rathnapura EIB 21/29
Kolonna	Minister of Irrigation Jayathissa Ranaweera and others	UPFA	Destroying UNP decorations	Embilipitiya EIB 1/1
Balangoda	Minister of Textile Development Mahinda Rathnathilaka, Balangoda Pradeshiya Sabha member Vijaya Kumara and others	UPFA	Assaulting the complainant and one other	Balangoda EIB 90/27
Mannar	Brother of Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services Abdul Risath Bathiyutheen, Rifkan and supporter Rahuman	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring SLMC supporters	Mannar - complaint number not given to CMEV
Vavuniya	Supporters of Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services Abdul Risath Bathiyutheen	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring SLMC supporters	No Police complaint
	Supporters of Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services Abdul Risath Bathiyutheen	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring SLMC supporters	Vavuniya EIB 26/32

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Chilaw	Chairman of the Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha K. Jagath Samantha Perera	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office and damaging cut outs and furniture	Chilaw 223/9
	Security Officer of Deputy Minister of Fisheries Neomal Perera, Nalaka Samanthissa	UPFA	Setting fire to a shop owned by a UNP supporter	Chilaw - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Security Officers of Deputy Minister of Fisheries Neomal Perera	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring a JVP supporter	Madampe - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Chairman Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha Jagath Samantha North Western Provincial Councilor Sanath Nishantha	UPFA	Assaulting and grievously injuring a JVP supporter	Chilaw EIB 51/39
Wennappuwa	Secretary of North Western Provincial Council Minister of Road Development Arundhika Fernando, Amal Fernando and driver Chinthaka	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter at gunpoint	Dankotuwa EIB 1/2010
Polgahawela	Polgahawela Provincial Councilor Livera Jayasekera and others	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office	Polgahawela EIB 151 190
	Chairman of Polgahawela Pradeshiya Sabha Wagalath and others	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office, threatening and burning posters	Polgahawela EIB 89/29
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Ariyawardeni Thilakaratne Pradeshiya Sabha member Ajith Pradeshiya Sabha member Duminda	JVP	Grievously injuring a UPFA Organizer	Polgahawela EIB 5/13
Dambadeniya	North Western Provincial Councilor Chairman of the Alawwa Pradeshiya Sabha	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring a UNP supporter	Giriulla MOR 485
Panduwasnuwara	Member of Parliament Dayasiri Jayasekera	UNP	Attacking a UPFA party office, damaging furniture and cut outs and threatening	Hettipola 114/9
	Member of Parliament Dayasiri Jayasekera and others	UNP	Assaulting a UPFA supporter	Hettipola MCR 2/9

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Hiriyala	Secretary and Security Officer of Non Cabinet Minister of Coconut Development Salinda Dissanayake, and 15 others	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office and destroying decorations	Gokarella EIB 30130
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Fahim and supporters	UPFA	Causing damage to the home of a JVP supporter	Gokarella RIB 146/87
Wariyapola	Supporters of Minister of Rural Industries & Self-Employment Promotion S.B. Navinna	UPFA	Assaulting and murdering a UNP supporter	Wariyapola - complaint number not given to CMEV
Mawathagama	Pradeshiya Sabha member Upul Perera and 15 others	UPFA	Destroying cut outs and threatening NDF supporters	Mawathagama EIB 2/2
Kuliyapitiya	Urban Councilor Sudharshan Saman Kumara Supporters of North Western Chief Minister Athula Wijesinghe	UPFA	Destroying cut outs and decorations of a UNP party office	Kuliyapitiya CIB 2 182/97
Naththandiya	Puttalam Member of Parliament Dayashritha Thissera	UPFA	Misuse of State Resources	No Police complaint
Katugampala	Provincial Councilor Kamal Herath, his younger brother, his son, and supporters	UPFA	Firing shots in the air, burning tyres and threatening and intimidating UNP supporters	Pannala EIB 50/415
	Provincial Councilor Kamal Herath, his younger brother and son	UPFA	Threatening UNP supporter	Pannala CIB 53/46
Puttalam	Pradeshiya Sabha member Anjana Sandaruwan	UNP	Shooting and murdering a UPFA supporter	Mundalama - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Wayamba Provincial Councilor Sanath Nishantha and supporters	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring UNP supporters	Mundalama CIB 1 148191
	Coordinating Secretary of Deputy Minister of Fisheries Neomal Perera, Jesmeen Member of Parliament Faiz	UPFA	Destroying cut outs and threatening UNP supporters	No Police complaint
	Chairman Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha Jagath Samantha and supporters	UPFA	Setting fire to JVP cut outs	Mundalama EIB ½

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Kurunegala	Supporters of Minister of Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Jayarathna Herath	UPFA	A bomb attack on the house of UNP Legal Secretary Kurunegala District	Kurunegala EIB 220/180
Kolonnawa	Provincial Councilor Duminda Silva	UPFA	Attack on UNP party office	Kolonnawa EIB/23/26
Avissawella	Urban Councilor Ajith Wijeyamuni Soyza	UPFA	Assaulting UNP supporters	Avissawella - complaint number not given to CMEV
Maharagama	Chief Minister Western Province Upali Kodikara	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office and damaging a vehicle	Kottawa MOIB 227/106
Kesbewa	Minister of Sports and Public Recreation Gamini Lokuge	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP Organizer	Piliyandala EIB 53/21
	Urban Councilor Pradeep	JVP	Assaulting UPFA supporters	Boralesgamuwa MOIB 128/146
Minuwangoda	Personal Secretary Chief Minister Western Province Prasanna Ranathunga and others	UPFA	Attacking UNP supporters, partially stripping a female supporter	Minuwangoda - complaint not accepted by the Police
Ja Ela	Supporters of Provincial Councilor Chandana	UPFA	Destroying UNP cut outs	No Police complaint
	Supporters of Pradeshiya Sabha member Nimal Aswennawatte	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office	No Police complaint
	Security Officer of Chairman of Pradeshiya Sabha Sherman, and Samurdhi Officer Nilantha	UPFA	Attacking a shop owned by a JVP supporter and damaging posters	Ja Ela CIB/350/206
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Nandasiri Silva	UPFA	Damaging NDF posters	No Police complaint
Kelaniya	Supporters of Minister of Labour Mervyn Silva	UPFA	Assault on NDF supporters	Kiribathgoda ERIB/19/09
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Sarathchandra Dias	UPFA	Destroying JVP decorations and posters	Kiribathgoda CIB/204/278

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Gampaha	Pradeshiya Sabha member H.A.S Perera	UPFA	Threatening and intimidating the complainant	Ganemulla CIB II/28/34
Bandaragama	Supporters of Chairman Pradeshiya Sabha Nimal Chandrarathna	UPFA	Attack on JVP rally	Bandaragama CIB II/146/316
Bulathsinghala	Pradeshiya Sabha member Amila Kudeligama and supporters	UPFA	Attacking NDF party office	Bulathsinghala EIB/1
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Amila Kudeligama	UPFA	Threatening UNP supporter	Mathugama EIB/2
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Amila Kudeligama and supporters	UPFA	Attacking NDF party office	No Police complaint
Mathugama	Pradeshiya Sabha member Thilakasiri Kumara	UPFA	Attacking and injuring JVP supporters	Welipenna MOIB/67/99
Kalawewa	Chairman of the Rajangana Pradeshiya Sabha Saman Nilmina and supporters	UPFA	Attack on the home of a JVP supporter	Thambuththegama MCR 1/10
	Secretary of Non Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources Duminda Dissanayake Ajith Kumara	UPFA	Attacking the home of UNP Provincial Councilor Mahindaranthne	Thambuththegama - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Deputy Chairman of Thalawa Pradeshiya Sabha Abeyrathne and Coordinating Secretary of Non Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources Duminda Dissanayake Ajith Kumara	UPFA	Assaulting UNP supporter	Thambuththegama - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Provincial Councilor Prasanna Mahindarathne and his son	UNP	Attacking a UPFA party office	Thambuththegama EIB 52/67
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Brabhath Vithana, and Shaman Pradeep	UPFA	Attacking a home and party office of UNP supporter, bearing firearms	Thambuththegama - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Secretary of Non Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources Duminda Dissanayake Ajith Kumara, and Shaman Pradeep	UPFA	Assaulting JVP supporters and attacking party office	Thambuththegama EIB 62/72

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Mihinthale	Secretary of Non Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources Duminda Dissanayake Ajith Kumara and others	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office	Thambuththegama EIB 61/71
	Minister of Nation Building S.M. Chandrasena, Deputy Mayor Somadasa and others	UPFA	Assaulting an NDF supporter with a T-56	Mihinthale - complaint not given to CMEV
Horowpothana	Pradeshiya Sabha member Ranjith (younger brother of Minister of Nation Building S.M. Chandrasena) and others	UPFA	Assaulting UNP supporters	Galenbindunuweva EIB 89/5
	Chairman of the Galenbindunuweva Pradeshiya Sabha R.M. Rathnayake	UPFA	Threatening JVP Pradeshiya Sabha member and supporters	Galenbindunuweva CIB 53/11
	Hingurakgoda Pradeshiya Sabha member Weerappu and others	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter	Minneriya EIB/1/11
Polonnaruwa	Thamankaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha Opposition Leader Thisa Weerakkody, Bandula Keerthirathne	UNP	Attacking UPFA party office and vehicles	Polonnaruwa EIB 147/10
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Jayasinghe Bandara and others	UPFA	Destroying UNP decorations	No Police complaint
	Thamankaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha member Rathnasiri and K.P. Nimalsiri	UPFA	Destroying cut outs, electricity lines and metre of a UNP party office	Polonnaruwa - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Chairman of Dimbulagala Pradeshiya Sabha	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office	Aralaganwila EIB 196/36
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Mahinda Rathnayaka and others	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter and attacking a party office	Aralaganwila EIB 183/46
	Deputy Chairman Dimbulagala Pradeshiya Sabha Pushpakumara Ranasinghe and others	UPFA	Destroying UNP decorations and cut outs	Aralaganwila EIB 179/43

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Polonnaruwa	Dudley Sirisena (younger brother of Minister of Agricultural Development & Agrarian Services Development Maithripala Sirisena)	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office	Polonnaruwa EIB 61/12
	Chairman of Dehiaththakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha J.M.K. Wijerathne and A.M. Ravindra Sisira Kumara	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office with T-56 firearms	Aralaganwila EIB 152/9
	Chairman of Dimbulagala Pradeshiya Sabha Jagath Samarawickrama	UPFA	Attacking JVP party office with T-56 firearms	Aralaganwila EIB 154/10
	Dudley Sirisena (younger brother of Minister of Agricultural Development & Agrarian Services Development Maithripala Sirisena) and others	UPFA	Attacking NDF party office and setting fire to cut outs	Polonnaruwa EIB 61/12
	Chairman of Dimbulagala Pradeshiya Sabha Jagath Samarawickrama	UPFA	Assaulting JVP supporter with T-56 and iron rods	Aralaganwila EIB 152/9
Mathale	Minister of Urban Development Rohana Kumara Dissasnayake	UNP	Assaulting the complainants	Initial entry made at Dambulla, subsequently transferred to Matale. Matale Police claimed transfer has not been received.
Dambulla	Provincial Councilor Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon Vice Chairman of Dambulla Pradeshiya Sabha Jaliya Opatha	UPFA	Assaulting UNP supporters	Galewela - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Vice Chairman of Dambulla Pradeshiya Sabha Jaliya Opatha	UPFA	Entering the home of JVP supporter and causing damage	Dambulla CIB 1/34/305
Udu Nuwara	Pradeshiya Sabha member Jani Bandara	UPFA	Attacking JVP party office and making death threat	Daulugala - complaint not given to CMEV
Kundasale	Pradeshiya Sabha member A.K. Janaka Thushara	UPFA	Attacking JVP party office	Manikhinna EIB 99/85

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Nawalapitiya	Pradeshiya Sabha member Chandana Srilal	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring JVP supporters	Gampola - CIB 143/56
Walapane	Provincial Councilor S.B. Rathnayake	UPFA	Threatened UNP supporter at gunpoint and fired in the air	Walapane EIB 34/36
Ampara	Chairman Padiyathalawa Pradeshiya Sabha H.M.L. Sumith Senevirathne	UPFA	Assaulting JVP supporter	Padiyathalawa CIB II 96/125
	Vice Chairman Padiyathalawa Pradeshiya Sabha Iresh Madushan	UPFA	Assaulting NDF supporter and party office	Padiyathalawa EIB 4/2009
	Padiyathalawa Pradeshiya Sabha member B.M. Ariyaratna Basnayake	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office	Padiyathalawa EIB/3/2009
	Chairman of the Uhana Pradeshiya Sabha Ranjith Ekanayake	UPFA	Attacking several busses carrying NDF supporters	No Police complaint
	Vice Chairman of Urban Council Saman Morayas	UPFA	Attacking an NDF party office	Ampara - complaint number not given to CMEV (obtained from party office EIB 54/39)
Pottuvil	Chairman Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha A.L. Thavam Akber	NC	Assaulting and seriously injuring 3 SLMC supporters	No Police complaint

## Annex II

### List of Police Stations with issues

CMEV has learned that according to administrative instructions issued by the IGP, Police Officials are expected to conduct speedy investigations regarding Election related complaints, and report facts to the relevant Magistrate Courts as early as possible. In addition, they are also expected to update the Divisional Operational Room on complaints received on a 6 hourly basis. Only complaints recorded in the Elections Information Book (EIB) are handled in this manner.

As such, if complaints are recorded in other books (MOIB, CIB etc), it gives rise to suspicions of Police bias and allegations of partiality towards, in most instances, the ruling party. Once such a perception takes hold opposition party supporters and members of the public do not report incidents of election violence to the Police in the belief that complaints will not be acted upon. Consequently, the trust and confidence in this pivotal institution for the maintenance of respect for the rule of law and law and order, is eroded. CMEV calls upon the Police to address this issue, which has a serious bearing on public trust and confidence in the Police Force during elections.

CMEV also notes that in this election campaign the Police has not extended the same cooperation to CMEV monitors in respect of the provision of information, as in previous elections. We trust that this is a situation that will be rectified on Polling Day as well as during post-election monitoring and look forward to a more cooperative relationship with the Police.

*\* The cumulative total of election related complaints that have been recorded as CIB is 38, which comprises 44.19% of the total 86 complaints reported to the below listed Police Stations. The Police refused to accept four (4) complaints. Details are as below:*

Police Division	Police Station	Officer In Charge	Comments
Elpitiya	Elpitiya	Gunadasa	Of 2 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB Of 2 complaints where suspects are named, suspects have not been arrested regarding 2 complaints
	Pitigala	IP Deepal	Of 1 election related complaint, 1 has been recorded as CIB Of 1 complaint where suspects are named, suspects have not been arrested regarding 1 complaint

Police Division	Police Station	Officer In Charge	Comments
Matara	Deniyaya	H.M. Bandula Priyantha	Of 4 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB The UNP party office alleges that the Police is biased
	Morawaka	Prabhath Deshabandu	Of 5 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB Of 2 election related complaints, the Police refused to record 2 complaints Complainant UNP supporter H.M. Majula claims he tried to lodge a complaint against an assault by UPFA supporter Walankade Sumith Nande and was asked by the OIC to come after the 26 <sup>th</sup> .
	Pitabaddara	Arjuna Wijeyawardena	Of 1 election related complaint, the Police refused to record 1 complaint
	Hakmana	Kamal	The UNP alleges that the Police is biased
	Gandara	Jagath Wijegunaratne	Of 1 election related complaint, 1 has been recorded as CIB
	Thihagoda	Sidath Marasinghe	Of 1 election related complaint, the Police refused to record 1 complaint
Tangalle	Hungama	S.T.M. Thushara	JVP and UNP party offices allege that the Police is biased Of 1 complaint where suspects are named, suspects have not been arrested regarding 1 complaint
	Weeraketiya	Priyal Sooriarachchi	Of 4 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB
	Hambantota	Ratnaweera Adassooriya	Of 2 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB
	Beliatta	Krishantha Jayawardena	Of 11 election related complaints, 3 have been recorded as CIB
Kuliyapitiya	Hettipola	IP Bandara	Of 3 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB
Puttalam	Kalpitiya	Lakshman Ranwela	Of 3 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB
Wennappuwa	Koswatte	S.B.R. Priyantha	Of 1 election related complaint, 1 has been recorded as CIB Political parties allege that the Police is biased

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Kandy	Gampola	CI Jaliya Heenkenda	Of 4 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB Of 1 complaint where suspects are named, suspects have not been arrested regarding 1 complaint. However the victim has been arrested in this case. Political parties allege that the Police is biased
	Nawalapitiya	Gamage	Of 6 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB
Matale	Rattota	SI U.K. Nihal Jayaweera	OIC Jayaweera was removed as a result of an inquiry into allegations of Election Offences during the Postal Vote period as confirmed by ASP Lal Senevirathne. However, he has returned to his post as OIC as of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of January, also as confirmed by ASP Senevirathne. When asked why the OIC was reinstated, ASP Senevirathne refused to provide CMEV with any information. CMEV has at present received allegations from UNP Provincial Councilor Sanjeewa Kavirathne that the OIC is currently making preparations to engage in election malpractices on the 26 <sup>th</sup> of January Banners and cut outs of the incumbent President are displayed inside the Police premises The UNP alleges that the Police is biased
Kalawewa	Thambuththegama	IP Thalwatte	Of 9 election related complaints, 3 have been recorded as CIB Political parties allege that the Police is biased Police Officers of the same station allege that the OIC is biased towards the UPFA
Horowpothana	Horowpothana	IP Mahanama	Of 8 election related complaints, 3 have been recorded as CIB
Minneriya	Minneriya	Sagara Sarathchandra	Of 4 election related complaints, 3 has been recorded as CIB
Kekirawa	Galkiriyagama	Dayawanse	Of 6 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB
Anuradhapura	Galnewa	A.A.K.S. Adhikari	2 Complainants (UNP) state that they did not lodge complaints as the Police are biased and take no action

Police Division	Police Station	Officer In Charge	Comments
Rathnapura	Godakawela	Lasantha Dadellage	Of 5 election related complaints, 4 have been recorded as CIB
	Ratnapura	Pussella	Of 3 complaints where suspects are named, suspects have not been arrested regarding 1 complaint
Avissawella	Yatiantota	Nilantha de Silva	Of 4 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB
Badulla	Lunugala	Haniyangama	Of 1 election related complaint, 1 has been recorded as CIB
Bandarawela	Uva Paranagama	Dhammika Wijesinghe	Of 2 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB
Pottuvil	Akkaraipattu	M.G.R. Mohommed	The UNP alleges that the Police is biased and that it is pointless lodging complaints as they often claim the incidents are personal Does not remove cut outs and banners in the area as confirmed by the CMEV monitor
Ampara	Dehiattakandi ya	W.M.S.B. Wickramasinghe	Does not remove cut outs and banners in the area as confirmed by the CMEV monitor
	Uhana	IP D. Prasanna Kumara	The OIC has on several occasions told CMEV monitors that complaints are made by political parties merely to increase their complaint numbers, which brings into doubt the conviction with which investigations into complaints are handled by the Uhana Police. However, the UNP says that their complaints have never been rejected. 3 NDF busses attacked in close proximity to the Uhana Police, but no action was taken to resolve the situation, nor were any arrests made

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## Geographic Spread of Pre-Election Offences by Type

Date: [23/11/2009 - 25/01/2010]

Major Incidents												Major (Total)	Minor Incidents						Minor (Total)	Total No of Incidents	Remarks					
AREA / OFFENCE	Murder	Attempted Murder	Grievous Hurt	Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse of State Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction	Mischief		Threat	Damage to Property	Election Offence	Others	Firearms Involved	Polling Cards Realated Incidents			Postal Vote Realated					
Western																										
Colombo			7	1	9	1	1	2	2		23	13	2		4	1	20	43	6							
Gampaha			1	1	7	4	2	1	3		19	19	5	1	4		29	48	4							
Kalutara			2	1	2	2		1	1		9	29	4				33	42	2							
Sub Total (Western)	0	0	10	3	18	7	3	4	6	0	51	61	11	1	8	1	82	133	12	0	0					
Central																										
Kandy				4	8	5	1	1			19	17	4	1	5		27	46	2							
Matale	1		1	1	10	6	1	2			22	13	3	2	1	1	20	42	5							
Nuwara Eliya						1	2				3	5		4			9	12	1							
Sub Total (Central)	1	0	1	5	18	12	4	3	0	0	44	35	7	3	10	1	56	100	8	0	0					
North Western																										
Kurunegala	2	1	4	4	7	17	1	2	1		39	31	8	9	5		53	92	14							
Puttlam	1		3	3	1	4	5	1	1		19	8	2	1	3		14	33	3							
Sub Total (Nor-West)	3	1	7	7	8	21	6	3	2	0	58	39	10	10	8	0	67	125	17	0	0					
North Central																										
Anuradapura		1		4	7	7	4		2		25	20	9		3	1	33	58	11		1					
Polonnaruwa			1	5	4	10	5	1	3		29	24	4	6	6		40	69	12							
Sub Total (Nor-Cen.)	0	1	1	9	11	17	9	1	5	0	54	44	13	6	9	1	73	127	23	0	1					
Southern																										
Galle		1	4	4	8	12	1				30	27	7	2			36	66	10							
Hambantota	1	2		3	4	18					28	18	5		1		24	52	21		1					
Matara			2	3	10			2			17	39	5		2		46	63	9							
Sub Total (Southern)	1	3	6	10	22	30	1	2	0	0	75	84	17	2	3	0	106	181	40	0	1					
Uva																										
Badulla			1	2	6	1	1				11	10		1	2		13	24	1							
Monaragala			1	2	6	3			2		14	17	1	1			19	33	3							
Sub Total (Uva)	0	0	2	4	12	4	1	0	2	0	25	27	1	2	2	0	32	57	4	0	0					
Sabaragamuwa																										
Ratnapura			1	1	7	8	5	1			23	7	2	1	3		13	36	9		1					
Kegalle		1	1	1	8	4	5	1			21	10	4	1			15	36	7							
Sub Total (Sabara)	0	1	2	2	15	12	10	2	0	0	44	17	6	2	3	0	28	72	16	0	1					
Northern																										
Jaffna					1		1				2		1		3		4	6			1					
Wanni				3			3				6				5		5	11								
Sub Total (Nothern)	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	8	0	9	17	0	0	1					
Eastern																										
Batticaloa			2	1	1	2					6	1	2				3	9	2							
Trincomalee						2					2		6				6	8	2							
Digamadulla			2	3	4	4	5		1		19	8	1	1	2		12	31	6							
Sub Total (Eastern)	0	0	4	4	5	8	5	0	1	0	27	9	9	1	2	0	21	48	10	0	0					
GRAND TOTAL	5	6	33	47	110	111	43	16	16	0	386	316	75	27	53	3	474	860	130	0	4					

## Alleged Pre-Election Offences by Party

Date: [23/11/2009 - 25/01/2010]

Major Incidents												Minor Incidents					Remarks						
Perpetrators		Murder	Attempted Murder	Grievous Hurt	Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse of State Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction	Major (Total)	Mischief	Threat	Damage to Property	Election Offence	Others	Minor (Total)	GRAND TOTAL	Firearms Involved	Polling Cards Related Incidents	Postal Vote Related	
UPFA	UPFA	2	4	22	27	73	62	38	7	6		241	93	42	14	39		188	199	429	67		3
	PA				2	1	1					4	3	1				4		8			
	SLFP				1		2					3	2	4				6		9	1		
	NFF											0						0		0			
	JHU						1					1						0		1	1		
	CP											0						0		0			
	LSSP											0						0		0			
	MEP											0						0		0			
	EPDP											0						0		0			
	NUA											0						0		0			
	NC				1			3				4						0		4			
	UNP-D											0						0		0			
	CWC											0	1					1		1			
	ACMC											0						0		0			
	UPF											0						0		0			
NDF	SLMC-F											0						0	0				
	DVJP											0						0	0				
	SLMP											0						0	0				
	UNP	1		3	3	6	6	1				20	9	3	1	4		17	31	37	7		
	JVP	1		3	1	2	2		1	1		11	4			1		5		16	2		
	SLMC--R					1		1				2	1		1			2		4			
	DPF											0						0		0			
	SLFP-M											0						2		2			
	NDF				3	4						7	1			1		5		12	1		
	NSH											0	3	1				0		0			
	DNF											0						0		0			
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JVS											0						0	0					
ULDF											0						0	0					
USP												0						0		0			
OVORS												0						0	0				
NSU												0						0	0				
SLPF												0						0	0				
JSP												0						0	0				
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INDI 5												0						0	0				
POLICE			1		2	1						4		1		1	1	3	7	1			
PNG	1	2	4	6	14	46			7	9		89	199	23	11	6	2	241	330	50		1	
CMEV												0						0	0				
EOR												0						0	0				
TOTAL		6	6	33	44	103	121	43	15	16	0	386	316	75	27	53	3	474	860	130	0	4	

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Source: Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV)

## Total Number of Incidents by Type (860)

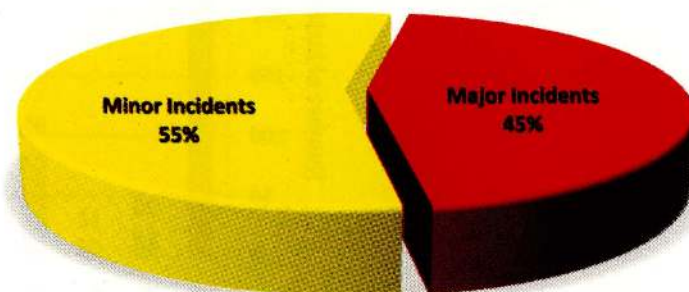


Figure 01

## Major Incidents by Type (386)

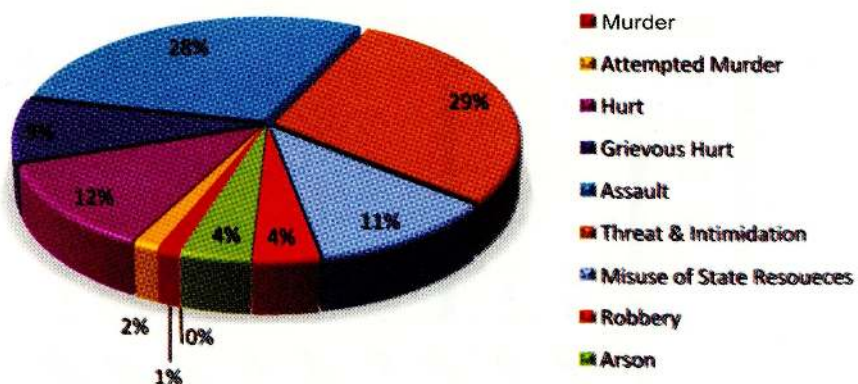


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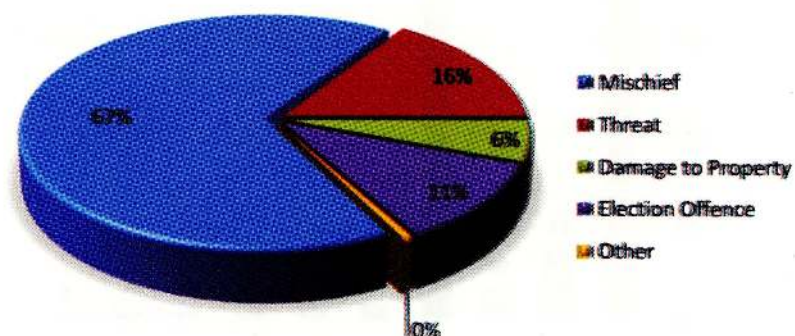


Figure 03

## Total Number of Incidents Alleged Perpetrators by Party (860)

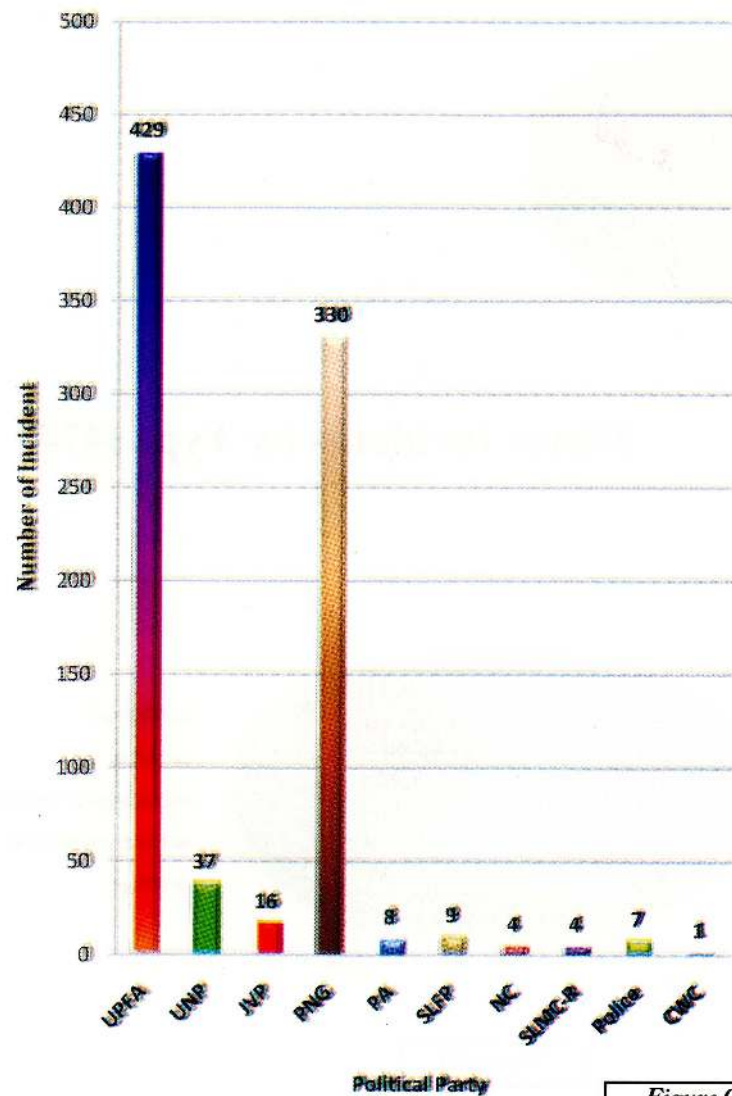


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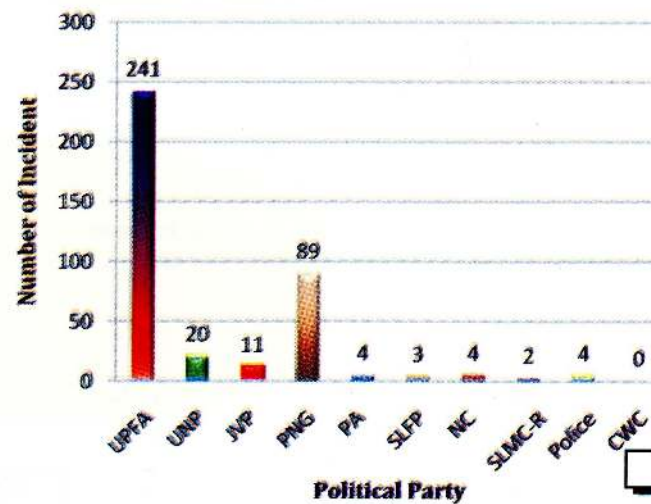


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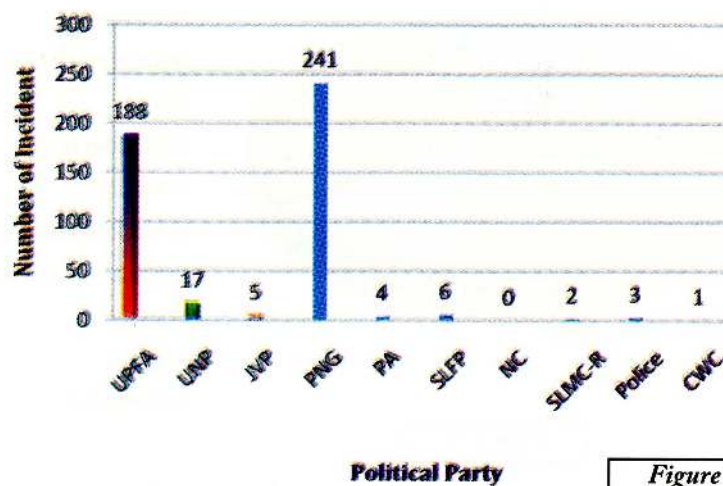
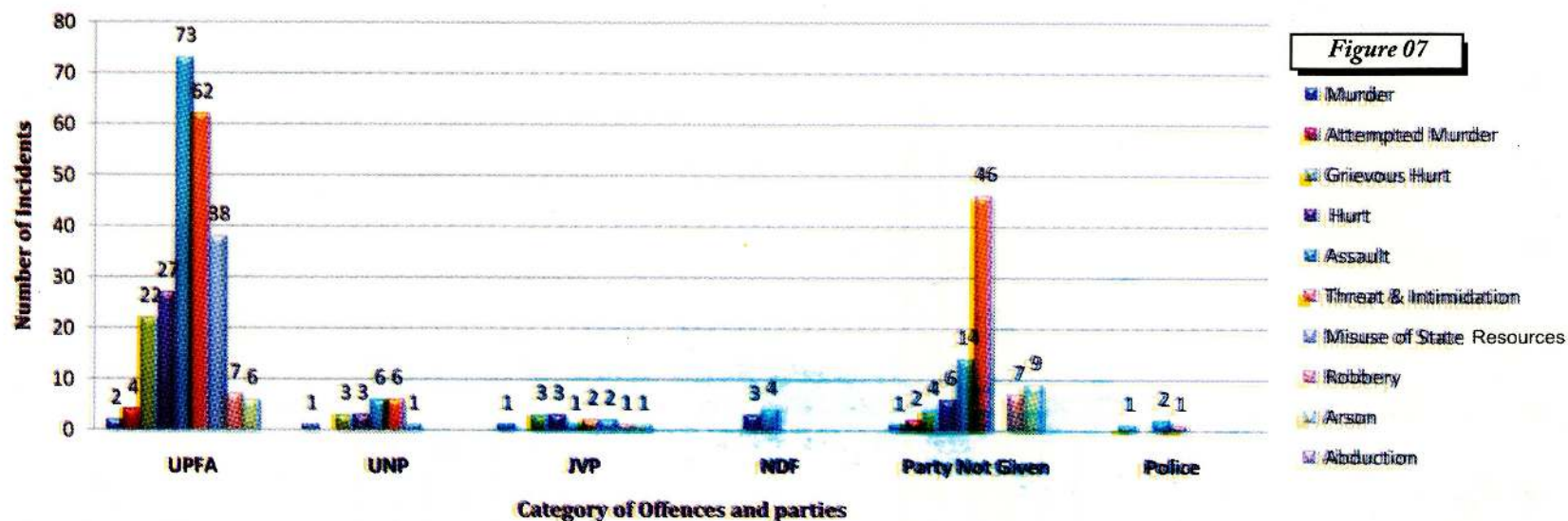
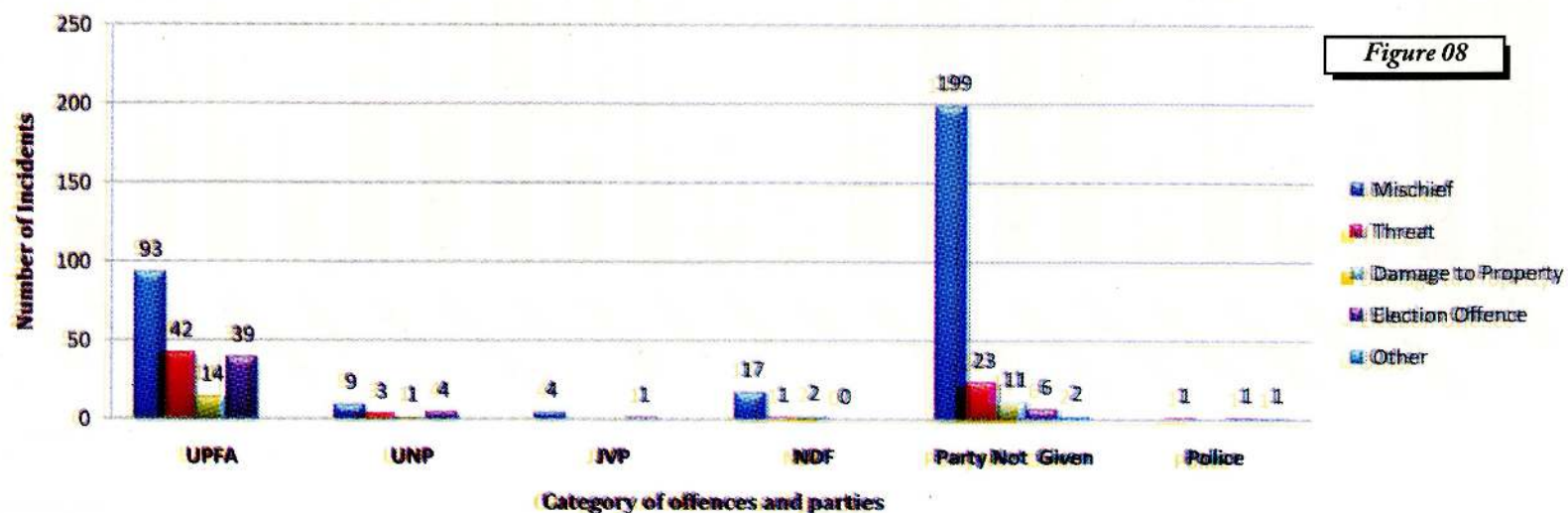


Figure 06

## Profile of Alleged Major Violations by Party (386)



## Profile of Alleged Minor Violations by Party (474)



## Total Incidents by Districts (860)

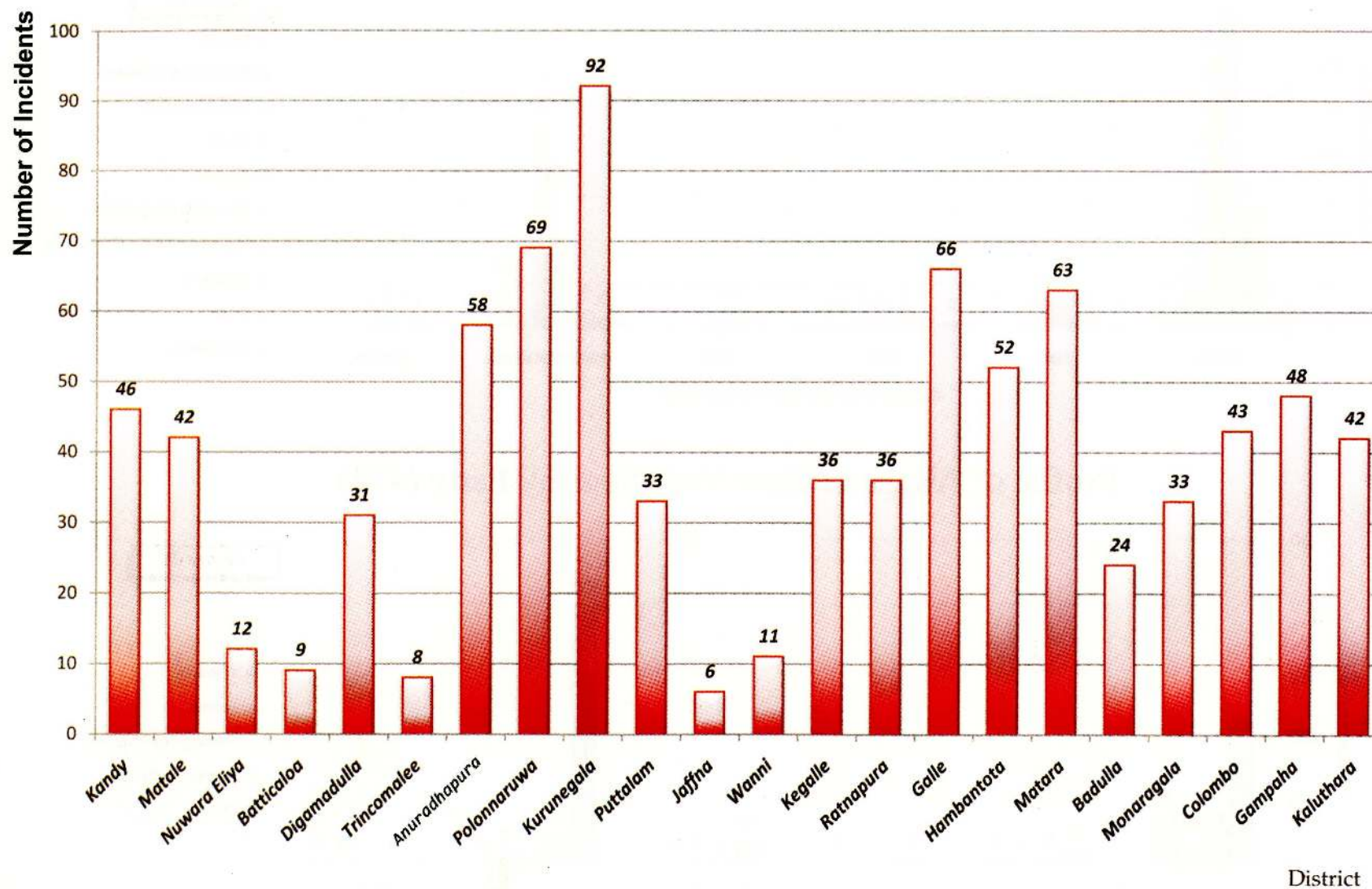


Figure 09

### Complaints Made by UPFA (112)

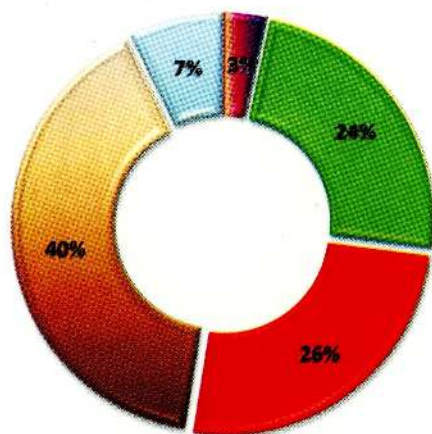


Figure 10

- Complaints made against UPFA
- Complaints made against UNP
- Complaints made against JVP
- Complaints made against PNG
- Complaints made against NDF
- Complaints made against POLICE

### Complaints Made by NDF (651)

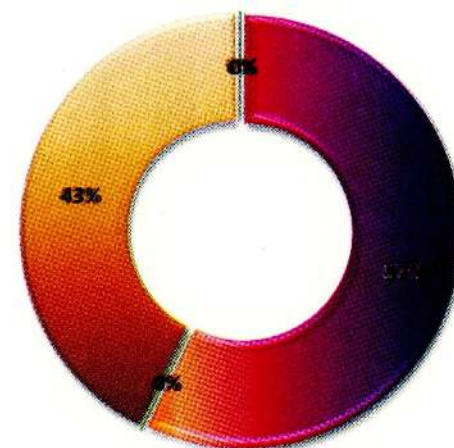


Figure 11

### Classification of Complaints Made by NDF (651)

#### Complaints Made by UNP (316)

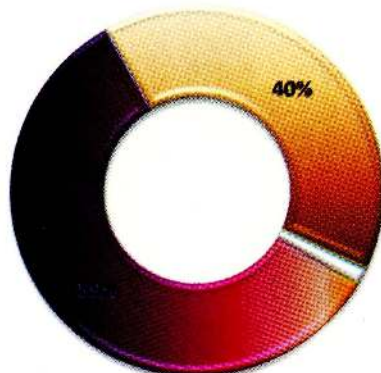


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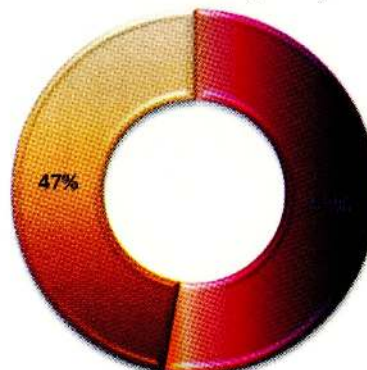


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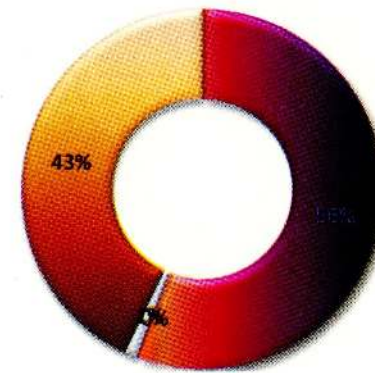
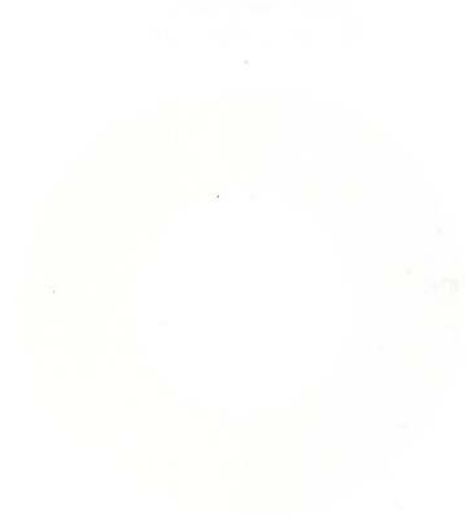
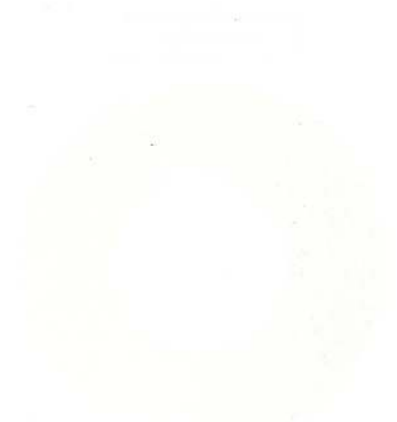


Figure 14



# **ELECTION DAY MONITORING**

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*Presidential Election - 2010*

**Media Communiqué No. 01**

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**0600Hrs**

#### **Hand grenade attack in Jaffna**

CMEV received information regarding a hand grenade attack to the residence of Subramaniam Sharma, SLFP Uduppidi coordinator, by two unidentified persons on motor bikes at around 3.30 am today.

When contacted at around 04.20 am Subramniam Sharma confirmed the details of the incident and he related this attack to the threat he received on 23<sup>rd</sup> January at around 11.30 pm by unidentified persons on motor bikes and dropped handouts calling on people not to vote. According to him, front yard of his residence has been damaged by today's grenade attack.

CMEV contacted the police at around 04.30 am, a police officer who doesn't wish to reveal his name, informed CMEV that the police have not received

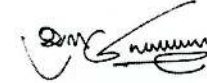
any complaints regarding the attack and that the police mobile team will be informed of the attack. On subsequent phone call to the police-at 04.50 & 05.10am- CMEV learnt that police has not received any further information of the attack.

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## Presidential Election – 2010

### Media Communiqué No. 2

26<sup>th</sup> January 2010

1030Hrs

CMEV received reports of multiple explosions in Nallur, Uduppidiy, Manipay, Vaddukottai, Chavakachcheri and Tellipallai. CMEV's mobile teams were dispatched to a number of locations where the attacks had reportedly taken place. CMEV teams verified damages at the following locations.

1. A push bike parked overnight in front of the polling station, J/Chunnakam Roman Catholic Tamil Mixed School (Polling Station Nos 28) was damaged.
2. A tea shop has been damaged on Point Pedro Road, behind Nallur Temple, 500m of J/Nallur Station Church of Ceylon Tamil Mixed School (Hall No 1-3 Polling Stations 35-37).
3. A tree has been damaged in front of the Jaffna Municipal Council's Fire Brigade, Point Pedro Road within 500m of J/Nallur Station

Church of Ceylon Tamil Mixed School (Hall No 1-3 Polling Stations Nos 35-37).

4. A shop Arasady Road in Nallur within 150m from J/Kandarmadam Saivapiragasa Vidyalayam (Polling Centre No 41).

CMEV spoke with eye witnesses who said that within an hour of the incident a white van passed by the location in Arasady Road and Point Pedro Road.

CMEV contacted the police station in Jaffna, which is investigating one of the attacks following a police complaint. CMEV also received reports of attacks on polling centres including J/Waddukodai Hindu College (Polling Centre No 21) but observed no damages. These incidents are in addition to the hand grenade attack on the residence of Subramaniam Sharma, SLFP Uduppidi Coordinator, in Valvattithurai at around 3.30 am today reported by CMEV earlier.

CMEV was informed that most internally displaced persons (IDPs) in camps in Vavuniya and having a vote in other districts were still waiting to travel to their polling centres. CMEV was previously informed by Returning Officers of the areas that transport arrangements would be arranged and IDPs informed of the arrangements. At 11am CMEV was informed that only two busses with IDPs from Ramanathan camp in Vavuniya had left for Killinochchi and many others were waiting by the road outside the camp to be transported to their polling centres. CMEV monitors report that as of 09:00 am, potential voters in zone 5, 6, 7 and 8 (1,098 registered voters) were still waiting for transport. CMEV raised this issue with Assistant Transportation Officer, Mrs Pathmarajanjini who reported that 48 buses had been deployed within the Vavuniya District and 30 buses to transport voters to areas including Killinochchi and Mullaitivu. Sixteen of the 30 buses had arrived as of 11.30 a.m and the 14 are reportedly on the way.

CMEV was further informed that many IDPs had turned up to vote in Manik Farm camps in Vavuniya though not all were in possession of the specified identity documents recognized by the Election Commissioner. As a result authorities had allowed temporary camp cards issued by the Police to be used as identity documents. Though this measure allows those displaced and affected by conflict to cast their vote, CMEV is concerned that the use of temporary camp cards alone can lead to possible abuse.

CMEV was also informed of a case of a released 'surrendee' from the PRI Technical College currently living in Point Pedro with a relative who is registered to vote at the College but who has not been notified of travel arrangements. The Assistant Election Commissioner Kugathanan informed CMEV that he has no information from the Government relating to the whereabouts of releases and returnees and therefore cannot inform them about transport arrangements.

CMEV is deeply concerned that the spate of violent incidents in Jaffna immediately before the commencement of polling and in the early hours of polling, indicate a systematic attempt to disrupt voting and ensure a low voter turnout in the peninsula. CMEV's concern is reinforced by the simple fact of this election being our first post war national election and the one in which the people of the north have an opportunity to demonstrate their faith in and commitment to democratic processes in Sri Lanka. This is especially regrettable given the imperatives of peace, reconciliation and national unity.

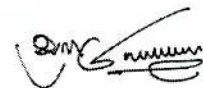
We call on election officials to ensure that the transport arrangements for IDPs are met. It is important that delays in transport arrangements do not affect voter turnout adversely.

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**Media Communiqué No. 03**

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

CMEV notes that text messages were sent out today asking voters to exercise their franchise. One in particular went out asking people to vote for a peaceful motherland, wishing the subscriber a *Suba Anagathayak* from Presidential candidate Mahinda Rajapaksa via SLT landline 0112 811 777.

Colombo District – Kaduwela Electorate – at 1.30pm supporters of Susil Premajayantha UPFA have allegedly assaulted UNP supporters residing at 392/A, Korathota North, Kaduwela (located in the vicinity of the Sri Somananda Vidyalaya centre no.42), R.A Leelawathi (65, received 12 stitches at the national hospital), R.A. Vipulasena (36, injuries to the face, receiving treatment at national hospital), R.A. Jayathilake (27, 3-4 stitches for an injury on an arm), Renuka Kumari (24), Asanka Gunawardana (21). A complaint has been lodged at the Navagamuwa Police regarding this incident.

## Central Province

Kandy District – Nawalapitiya Electorate – At 10.15 am: An explosion took place in a van belonging to the UPFA Minister of Power Mahindananda Aluthgamage in the vicinity of the Thambiligala Kanishta Vidyalaya (Polling Centre No. 19). CMEV was informed of this incident by NDF coordinate Nalin Gunarathne. The Police informed CMEV that they had not received a complaint. .

Kandy District – Nawalapitiya Electorate – At 9.30am: CMEV monitor reported that a group of 5 people stationed in front of the Nawalapitiya Kanishta Balika Vidyalaya (Polling Centre No. 57) have intimidated approximately 10-15 voters and turned them away from the polling station. Police inspector Samarajeewa from the Nawalapitiya Police Station had later dispersed the group of 5 people.

Matale District- Laggala Electorate- CMEV field monitor reported that at 6.30am documents were snatched from the UNP Polling Agent of the Guruwela Government Kanishta Vidyalaya centre no 44.

Kandy District – Patha Dumbara Electorate – Over 30 voters of the Pitiye Gedara (Polling Centre No. 33), have not been able to cast their vote due to problems with their ID cards. As at 11.30am they were gathered outside the polling centre with the Vice Chairman of Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha, and they have made allegations against the SPO.

## Southern Province

Galle District – Galle Electorate – At 10.10am the UPFA Deputy Minister Lionel Premasiri and Galle Municipal Council Deputy Mayor Fawzy Nias entered the residence of UNP Opposition Leader of the Galle Urban Council Jilith Nishantha and threatened him against voting for Presidential Candidate Sarath Fonseka. They had assaulted Nishantha's son and opened fire damaging the floor of the house. The Galle Harbour Police is presently investigating the incident although there has been no

complaint.

### **Western Province**

Gampaha District - Ja-Ela Electorate- CMEV field monitor reported that at 8.40am at Narandoga Paluwa Kanishta Vidyalaya (Polling Station No. 58) UPFA voters were seen erasing the ink mark from fingers while exiting the polling centre after voting.

Gampaha District- Attanagalle Electorate - CMEV mobile monitor reported that at 9.00am at Thihariya Al Azar Madya Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Centre No. 11) over 150 persons gathered within 500 m of the centre. These persons had arrived in vehicles with UNP posters. Police who were present at the site did not take action.

### **Eastern Province**

Batticaloa District - Paddiruppu Electorate - CMEV received reports that between 10:00- 10:45 am polling cards were being issued to members of the general public from the house of Mahendran, who is alleged to be a TMVP supporter, at Kanakhi Amman Kovil Road, Thuraineelavanai, which is close to Bat/ Thuraineelavanai Maha Vidyayam Polling Centre (1). CMEV also received reports that polling cards were also being issued from Pilleyar Kolvil, Thuraineelavanai 7.

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Batticaloa District - Kalkudah Electorate- A group of persons who had come in a three wheeler had given a polling card of another to a 64 year old i Krishna Vidyalam Polling Centre (56) at Pethalai that the card belongs to

someone else and that she had misplaced her own polling card.

Batticaloa District - Kalkudah Electroate - The Senior Presiding Officer (SPO) had managed to stop a 31 year old person who had tried to cast the vote around 7:30 am using the identity card of a 21 year old at BT/ Karungalaichcholai Sri Krishna Vidyalam Polling Centre (56) at Pethalai

### **North Western Province**

Kurunegala District - Kuliypitiya Electorate - At 9.30am a CMEV monitor K.P.S.N. Kumari was asked to leave the Polling Centre Bogamulla Ruwansiri Madya Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Centre No. 9) by North Western Provincial Councilor Gunadasa Dehigama (UPFA). He was later allowed to enter at 9.50am.

Puttalam District - Puttalam Electorate - CMEV district coordinator had seen IDP voters being transported in CTB buses (NP NA 4025, 59-8633) from Al Minari Alankudah B Camp Afra Nagar to the Umar Farook Muslim Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Centre No. 14D).

Puttalam District - Anamaduwa Electorate - CMEV reported that at the Inginipitiya Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Centre No.75), a voter arrived at the polling centre at 11.30 am with a ballot paper. CMEV had raised this with the polling agent who had asked for the ballot paper to be removed.

### **Uva Province**

Badulla District - Haliela Electorate - The CMEV monitor had not been permitted to enter the Hulanda Vama Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Centre Number 43) at 11:10 by the SPO. It was said that only the field monitor is permitted to do so.

## Sabaragamuwa Province

Ratnapura District - Kalawana Electorate - Kumarage Piyadasa, NDF agent of Rathnapura Pothupitiya polling center (Polling Centre No. 40) complained to CMEV mobile monitor that his entrance letter and his tag (to paste on the polling box) was snatched allegedly by UPFA Kilawana PS deputy chairman Janaka Premalal who arrived in a cab belonging to UPFA Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Minister Janaka Wakkumburage at around 9.10am near the above stated polling station.

Rathnapura District - Kolonna Electorate - The temporary IDs of voters of the Pahala Anduluwa Community Hall (Polling Centre No. 51) H. Jinadasa, Maldeniye Basunnehe and several others, were collected on January 21<sup>st</sup> by a Samurdhi Officer of the Pahala Anduluwa GN Division who said she needed the documents in order to increase their Samurdhi assistance. They have been unable to vote as a result.

Kegalle District - Rambukkana Electorate - CMEV mobile monitor reported that at 11.00am voters were being transported to the Delwala Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Centre No.13) in a vehicle no 2526894 which is used by the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Minister, Mahipala Herath's media secretary Mr. S. A Somarathne. Mr. Somarathne was seen in the vehicle when the voters were being transported.

## North Central Province

Anuradhapura District - Medawachchiya Electorate - The Senior Presiding Officer (SPO) of the Adarsha Ikkirigollawa Muslim school (Polling Centre No. 43), had refused entry to the CMEV monitor at around 8.30 am.

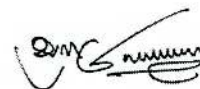
Anuradhapura District - Horowpothana electorate - At 10.30am the CMEV monitor was prevented entry to the Kahatagasdigiliya Madya Maha Vidyalaya centre no 37 by the SPO.

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**Media Communiqué No. 04**

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

CMEV has received the following reports from the field:

#### **Eastern Province**

Batticaloa District: Kalkudah Electroate: SLMC supporter Mr. Mohamad Ismail was attacked by a group of UPFA supporters at around 10:55 am about 20m away from the Oddamavadi Central College Polling Station (Polling Centre 69). CMEV spoke to Mr Ismail, who informed CMEV that he had been hit by members of the group, resulting in injuries to his face, left leg and right hand. He was admitted to the Mancholai hospital and is currently receiving treatment. No Police report had been lodged as at 10:55 am.

Ampara District: Digamadulla Electorate: At the Ampara/Lihiniyagama Maha Vidyalaya Polling Centre (21) there had been a long queue of 300 people around 8:15 am and the delay

had caused about 30 people to leave the premises without casting their vote. According to the SPO of the polling station the delay is on account of the checking of temporary IDs and the lack of staff at the polling centre.

Ampara District: Digamadulla Electorate: CMEV monitors were prevented from accessing Ampara/ Damana Maha Vidyalaya Polling Centre (151) by the Police at around 10:40 am for 15 minutes after which the monitor was given access. The reason given by the Police was that the Eastern Province Minister for Education and Transport, Wimalaweera Dissanayake was at the polling station.

Ampara District: Digamadulla Electorate: CMEV reports that at around 9.30 am the Buddhist monk of Pokunuvita Temple Ven Pokunugala Sri Manarathana stood for about 30 minutes within a distance of 50 meters from the Ampara/ Damana Maha Vidyalaya Polling Centre (Polling Centre No. 151), and attempted to influence voters in favour of President Mahinda Rajapakse . When the Police had asked the monk to leave, he had continued trying to influence people from within a distance of 200 meters for a further 1 ½ hours.

Ampara District: Digamadulla Electorate: Three officials of the Lathpandura Vidyalaya Polling Station (Polling Centre No. 19) have not reported for duty as of 10.20 am. As a result there is a long queue of about 350 people. In addition to his duties, the SPO has to assist the others in their duties.

Ampara District: Digamadulla Electorate: Chairman W.S.W.N Ariyaratne Wijewickrema and the Vice Chairman Udena Chinthaka Navaratne of the Maha Oya Pradeshhiya Sabha arrived in a cab (Vehicle number - EP LE 7504) and a van (Vehicle number - EP GR

8672) with another 10 people to Mr. A. M Gunadasa's shop and have threatened to kill him saying that he is influencing people to vote for the Swan Symbol (Sarath Fonseka). Though Mr. Gunadasa has insisted that he does not support any party, the group have threatened and warned him that he should expect "something" to happen in the night. CMEV also reports that voters have been transported in these same 2 vehicles to the Ampara Kudaharasgala Vidyalaya Polling Station (Polling Station No. 58).

Trincomalee District - Trincomalee Electorate - at 11.40am the Trincomalee ARO Mr. Vijaya Samarasinghe stated that if the Polling Agents are agreead, people with Postal IDs, Navy Passes, Army IDs and Police Reports could vote. A person with a Postal ID had allegedly attempted to cast a vote and was prevented by the SPO Krishanadas, at which point UPFA Provincial Councilor Ariyawathi Galappaththi had protested. The ARO had subsequently arrived on the scene and pronounced the above. CMEV has received confirmation of this from the SPO.

### **Northern Province**

Vanni District - Vavuniya Electorate - as reported by the CMEV mobile team, yet another hand grenade attack was reported from Amman Road - School Road Junction, Paddirukulam at 12.02pm.

Vanni District - Vavuniya Electorate - 11.50 a.m in Kurumankadu a house at No 25, 4<sup>th</sup> lane, Dharmadevar, Kurumankadu, Vavuniya was subjected to a grenade attack.

Vavuniya District, Vavuniya electorate- CMEV monitor reported that at 11.43am a van (no57-9138) with around 8 persons including

Nasim, Rishny, Larry and Risvan who were identified by persons around the area and supporters of Minister Rishard Badurdeen, came to Muslim MV Pattanichpulliyankulam (centre no 40 ) and hurled a hand grenade at SLMC member Mr. A.L.M Safir within the radius of 500m of the polling station. There were no injuries reported.

### **Central Province**

Nuwara Eliya District - Nuwara Eliya Maskeliya Electorate - at 12.00pm at Vatagoda Tamil Vidyalaya polling station centre no 15, CWC supporters canvassed voters in favour of the UPFA candidate. The Police arrived on the scene and dispersed the group.

Nuwara Eliya District - Nuwara Eliya Maskeliya Electorate - at 1.00pm both UPFA and NDF supporters gathered at the Parpadam Wathu Pasela centre no 26, influencing voters.

Kandy District - Gampola Electorate - at 3.00pm, approximately 70 UPFA supporters were behaving in a manner that disturbed voters at the Atabage Udagama Maha Vidyalaya centre no 32.

Kandy District - Theldeniya Electorate - At 15.20pm at the Abeysinghe Kanishta Vidyalaya centre no 30 in Watapatha, the ARO and SPO prevented CMEV mobile monitors from entering the above polling centre.

Kandy District - Theldeniya Electorate - At 2.15pm at Waradhiwela Maha Vidyalaya centre no 9 the SPO of the polling station prevented the CMEV mobile monitor from entering the polling station.

Kandy District - Gampola Electorate - at 4.00pm at Atabhage Udagama Mahavidyalaya centre no 32 at Maddagam Madda, it is alleged that UPFA Minister D.M Jayaratne's son assaulted the policeman guarding this polling station.

### **Southern Province**

Hambantota District - Beliatte Electorate - according to JVP Member of Parliament Nihal Galappatti, at 11.00am UPFA supporters influenced voters at the Pagnnana Prathamika Vidyalaya centre no. 41. The Police Officer appointed to the centre had taken action to remove the UPFA supporters. The IOC of Beliatte Police Krishantha had subsequently arrived on the scene and removed the Police Officer from the polling centre.

Hambantota District - Thissamaharama Electorate - the CMEV monitor has not been allowed into the Yatalathissa Prathamika Vidyalaya centre no 71. He was also denied any information.

Galle District - Galle Electorate- around 10.10 am Deputy Minister Lionel Premasiri, Deputy Mayor of Galle Fawzie Niyas (UPFA) visited a house close to Katagoda Technical Collage and threatened and intimidated the occupants as alleged by Phillip Nishantha, who also placed an entry with the Galle Harbour Police.

Hambantota District - Beliatte, Kahawaata Polling Station(NO.40), Ajith Mathumanna, JVP member of Pradeshiya Sabha, reported that two vehicles belonging to Blue Force("NIL BALAKAYA")of UPFA, were parked near the Polling Station at about 10.00 a.m.

School Polling Station (No 35),CMEV mobile monitor Sampath reported that many unauthorized persons were seen in the polling station between 08.30am and 09.15 am.

Hambantota District - Beliatte Electorate -H/Nayaka Rajapakse Vidyalaya (No 34), CMEV monitor reported that many unauthorized persons were seen within the polling station between 8.30am and 9.15 a.m.

Hambantota District - Beliatte Electorate - Gatamanna Wijaya Central Collage Polling Station (No 33), CMEV monitor in Beliatte reported that that many unauthorized persons were seen within the polling station between 08.30 am and 9.15 a.m.

Hambantota District - Tangalle Electorate - Kadurupokuna Maha Vidyalaya Polling Station No 23, CMEV monitor reported that the voting booths were positioned in such a way as to make ballot papers visible to the SPO when the voters cast their votes. The incident was reported about 8.30 a.m.

Hambantota District - Tangalla Electorate,Gajanayakagama Junior School(No 50)Polling Station, former MP Kularatne reported that D.R. Pradeep Kumarage who was supposed to continue as a representative in the Polling Station was assaulted and handed over to the Weerakatiya Police Station by M.K.Mahesh, the son of M.K. Ranjith, Member of the Southern Provincial Council and Private Secretary to Minister, Mahinda Samaraweera, complaining that he had illegally collected NICs at about 12.20 pm. The suspect remains under arrest at the Police station.

Hambantota District - Beliatte Electorate - Gatamanna North Junior Matara District - Matara Electorate - Pamburana Saliputhra

Vidyalaya Polling Station, JVP organizer for Mathara District reported that UPFA supporters of minister Chandrasiri Gajahdheera came in a procession to the Pamburana Sailputhra Polling Station about 8.50 a.m.

### **North Western Province**

Kurunegala District - Hiriyala Electorate - between 12.00pm and 1.00pm, CMEV monitors W.A.S.L. Gunawardena and R.S.G. Wijendra were threatened and their documents torn up by approximately 20 UPFA supporters who attempted to assault the monitors, near the Almina Muslim Maha Vidyalaya centre no 36. Police Officers who arrived on the scene had resolved the situation.

Puttalam District - Chilaw Electorate - at 2.40 pm when the Returning Officer was entering the polling station at Pambala Kanishta Vidyalaya centre no 66, some UPFA supporters had also entered the polling station asserting that if the Returning Officer could enter the station, they also had the ability to do so.

Puttalam District - Chilaw Electorate - at 11.20 am: voters at the Bangadeniya Kanishta Vidyalaya Polling Station centre no 23 were assaulted by UPFA Arachchikattuwa Pradesheeya Sabha President Jagath Samantha and others. They also told the Polling Agent to leave the Polling station. Jagath Samantha rejects the allegation.

### **North Central Province**

Polonnaruwa District - Polonnaruwa Electorate - while UNP supporter Lakshman Senevirathne was on his way to the polling centre at 6.00am, A.K.G. Nishantha Harischandra, Ranjan

Nanayakkara (Mahaweli Adhikariya) and Prashan had blocked the road and threatened him. A complaint has been lodged at the Aralaganwila Police - CIBI 205/238.

Polonnaruwa District - Polonnaruwa Electorate - UPFA provincial councilor Peshala Jayaratna had been transporting voters in vehicles belonging to Thamankaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha at around 1.30pm.

### **Uva Province**

Badulla District - Mahiyanganaya Electorate - at 1.30 p.m - a group of supporters of the Agriculture Minister of the Uva Palath Sabahva, Anura Vidanagamage, went to the home of Mr Attanayake Mudiansalage Gunaratne in Beligalla, Dambana and assaulted him and his wife. No serious injuries were sustained in the assault. The Mahiyangana Police has received the complaint and were recording statements.

Monaragala District - Monaragala Electorate - at 1.25 p.m. Uva Provincial Council Minister Kumara Siri Ratnayake and his supporters parked his vehicle ( Vehicle No. 59-2041) bearing President Rajapakse's poster, in front of the Kirawanagoda Kanishta Vidyalaya centre no 87 and were seen talking to voters.

Digamadulla District, Pottuvil Electorate: CMEV observed two persons on a motor bike (MT 0340) distributing ballot papers outside AI/ Kathariya Vidyalaya (Polling Centre 86) to four women asking them to vote for President Mahinda Rajapaksa. One of the women, A.M. Mizaya who had already cast her vote had taken one of the ballot papers and voted again. A CMEV monitor overheard the JPO asking her "why did you come now, you should have come later."

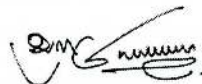
**CMEV strongly urges the Election Commissioner to consider annulling the poll in this particular polling station.**

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### **Media Communiqué No. 05**

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

#### **Inability of Authorities to Address the Voter Rights of IDPs and Others in the North**

CMEV was informed that approximately 24,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) presently living in government run camps and with host families were also registered on the 2008 electoral register. Out of this number, 16,000 IDPs applied to cast their vote within the Vavuniya district while 8,000 were eligible to cast their vote in areas such as the Killinochchi district at today's Presidential election. CMEV was informed by the Government Agent (GA) Vavuniya that 55% of IDPs in Vavuniya were able to cast their vote with only 8.3% voting in Mullaitivu district. CMEV was also informed by the authorities in Jaffna that there was a turnout of 22% in the Jaffna district and 3.5% in Killinochchi.

CMEV in its Election Day Media Communiqué No 3 raised problems

faced in the north and especially those faced by IDPs with regard to voting, including insufficient identity documents and the authorities failing to organise transport for them to travel to other areas to cast their vote. CMEV further notes that concerns of IDPs and returnees regarding to the exercise of the franchise were raised with the Election Commissioner and other government officials earlier and proposals presented to them to address these concerns.

CMEV raises continuing concerns regarding the exercise of the franchise by IDPs. These are listed below.

1. CMEV was informed that hundreds of IDPs were unable to cast their vote in Killinochchi as a direct result of inefficient transport arrangements. For example, in Arunuchalam and Ramanathan camps 300 IDPs waited from 6am till 1pm for buses to arrive to transport them to Killinochchi to vote. The buses only reached the camps at 1.30pm and the IDPs were transported to Killinochchi at 3.55pm, allowing them only 5 minutes to vote. Unfortunately these 300 IDPs were not allowed to vote on the grounds that the polls had closed. CMEV has been informed that they have no way of returning to the camps in Vavuniya and are presently stranded in Killinochchi without accommodation. This is only one case which illustrates the problems faced by IDPs living in Vavuniya with a vote in Killinochchi.
2. CMEV was also informed that IDPs who were promised transport by the authorities faced several difficulties in travelling to the cluster centres in the Vanni. At the present moment there still remain restrictions on freedom of movement of IDPs which have been previously challenged by the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA), a constituent

and early 26<sup>th</sup> morning. At around 4am on the 26<sup>th</sup>, IDPs were informed through the public address system that they were required to be present sharp at 6am at a specific location to board the buses provided by the authorities. As a result all those who were eligible to travel gathered at 6am to board the bus but were kept waiting for several hours with no information as to what arrangements had been made. Only at 10am did the first few buses arrive to transport IDPs to cluster centres. The second contingent of busses arrived around 1.30pm. During the time period between the first contingent of buses and the second, there was no information given to IDPs regarding voting procedures.

3. CMEV monitors further reported that IDPs who were travelling to Killinochchi were stopped at the Omanthai check point and checked by military which further delayed their travel. This checking seems unnecessary when IDPs had left government camps where they are regularly checked. They should have been directly transported to the polling centres so that they could vote without delay.
4. There were several cases where IDPs who are presently in camps with a vote in Vavuniya had no public transport to polling centres and as a result had to walk a distance of around 7km. This is an issue that could have been dealt with previously and steps taken to ensure that all IDPs who needed transport were provided with it. CMEV was informed that as a result of not having adequate public transport, many turned back and did not cast their vote.
5. Further and this is pertinent in the above cited case, IDPs have

expressed fear of repercussions if they could not show proof of having voted after having left camps in order to do so, such as the indelible ink mark on the fingers of all those who have.

6. CMEV received reports that several residing in Jaffna with a vote in Killinochchi were unable to vote. This was mainly due to insufficient transport arrangements for IDPs and those having returned to Jaffna being unable to travel to cluster centres to cast their vote. CMEV has been unable to obtain the exact figure of the numbers involved in this regard.

Upon receiving the above complaints, CMEV contacted the GA Vavuniya and Killinochchi. According to the GA of Vavuniya, 70 buses to transport IDP voters and 40 buses to transport IDPs within Vavuniya as well as 30 to other areas were deployed respectively. The GA Killinochchi stated that efforts had been coordinated with officials in Vavuniya and Jaffna to transport voters. Authorities in Jaffna also confirmed that arrangements had been organised. Though these measures may have been taken, CMEV notes that many were disenfranchised as a result of delays and shortcomings.

Those affected and displaced by the conflict and presently living with host families and in camps and those returned to areas in the North and East need special attention. This has been continuously raised by CMEV and its constituent members. Today's effective disenfranchisement of several hundred of those most affected by the conflict needs immediate attention.

CMEV also raises concern about the security situation in several parts of the North where explosions took place in the course of Election Day which impacted voter turnout. The deterrent effects of

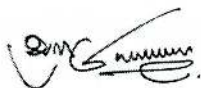
the resulting fear on voter turnout and the inability of many to cast their vote has compromised the integrity of the electoral process in the north. It is especially regrettable given the imperatives of reconciliation and national unity in this our first post war election. We strongly urge the Election Commissioner to take the necessary steps to prevent this from occurring in the forthcoming General Election and stop short of calling for a repoll of the north in this presidential election because we are not in possession of the exact figure of effective disenfranchisement.

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**Statement on Election Day**

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

On 26<sup>th</sup> January, Election Day, CMEV deployed 3,790 monitors in mobile teams and in polling stations throughout the island.

On Election Day, CMEV recorded a total of 178 incidents of which 94 have been categorised as Major. The highest number of Major incidents - 26 cases of Intimidators' Presence in the vicinity of polling stations- was recorded in the Kandy District. Eight (08) of the 94 Major Incidents involved the use of firearms. The Kurunegala District, which recorded the highest number of Major incidents during the campaign (36), recorded 04 incidents of violence in this category on Election Day, illustrating a feature noted in other elections of a high incidence of campaign violence not being replicated on the day of the election.

In comparison with the violence recorded on Election Day in the 1999 and 2005 Presidential Elections, Election Day of the 2010

Presidential Election was considerably less violent. In 1999 there were 816 Major Incidents and in 2005, 242.

The Interim Report released by CMEV contains its observations on the election campaign. In it we noted our concern about the challenges to the electoral process highlighted in the election campaign which ranged from the flouting of the authority of the Election Commissioner to the abuse of state resources to problems with voter identity documentation and voting arrangements for IDPs as well as the high incidence of violence in this our first post war, peace time election in decades. Accordingly we reiterated our call for the implementation of the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution, in particular the establishment of independent commissions for the Police, public service and Elections, it provides for. We made the point that the Seventeenth Amendment does not constitute a panacea and that it is not a sufficient measure to ensure the integrity of the electoral process, but rather a pivotally necessary one.

The concerns raised in our Interim Report remain. We wish to highlight three issues in addition to the incidence of violence recorded on Election Day. The first relates to the demonstrably unsatisfactory transport arrangements for IDP voting, which resulted in the effective disenfranchisement of a number of IDPs. In a Media Communiqué on Election Day, CMEV highlighted the case of 300 IDPs who on account of delays in transport were unable to vote after having waited hours for that transport. CMEV learns that they were left stranded thereafter and that there were other IDPs who were placed in a similar predicament.

The second issue relates to the series of explosions in Jaffna that

occurred before polling commenced and immediately thereafter. CMEV believes that these acts of violence were perpetrated to reduce the voter turnout in the peninsula and calls on the agencies of law and order to bring the perpetrators of this violence to justice. Such violence in particular compounds the challenges of peace, reconciliation and national unity. Likewise, the effective disenfranchisement of the IDPs. The free and fullest participation of the people of the north in the democratic process of the country is to be welcomed, not impeded and undermined.

The final issue CMEV wishes to highlight is especially critical and relates to the concerns raised by party agents and members of the public about the integrity of the count. CMEV shares these concerns and has received complaints alleging that party agents were both assaulted and chased from counting centres in a number of districts. Complaints to date have been received from the Kurunegala, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Matale Electoral Districts. On 27 January, CMEV wrote to the Commissioner regarding this, urging him to publicly acknowledge and address these concerns before the official announcement of the final result.

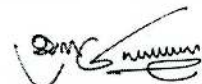
CMEV will issue a full report on both the campaign and Election Day once all field reports from its monitors have been compiled.

On the available evidence and information in its possession, CMEV believes that the problems in the electoral process identified above need to be urgently addressed. This is essential to ensure that the doubts and concerns expressed over the results of this election do not persist and undermine the integrity of our electoral process as well as the legitimacy of our governance.

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# ELECTION DAY INCIDENTS – SUMMARY BY POLLING DIVISIONS

WESTERN PROVINCE						
ELECTORAL DIVISION	TOTAL No.OF REGISTERED VOTERS	No. OF POLLING CENTRES	No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED	No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED WITH INCIDENTS	No. OF VOTERS AT POLLING STATIONS WITHOUT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS	SPECIAL COMMENTS
COLOMBO DISTRICT						
Colombo North	95385	53	29	02	-	(1) PS 8 & 9 Preaching Hall Sri Wickramaramaya-A large cutout of the President Mahinda Rajapaksha & Duminda Silva MPC was prominently displayed near the polling station.  (2) PS No.16 & 17 – St Johns College, SPO Nirmal Nanayakkara informed the CMEV monitor that even though some voters had received polling cards they were not allowed to vote because their names did not appear in the voters list.
Colombo Central(4)	139822	98	55	-	76	
Colombo East	68643	39	-	-	-	
Colombo West(1)	38921	26	08	-	01	
Borella(3)	58757	39	37	-	60	
Dehiwala (2)	61194	38	38	-	04	
Ratmalana(2)	66622	37	29	-	10	
Kolonnawa(8)	112363	59	59	-	16	
Kotte(1)	73009	47	28	-	05	
Kaduwell(3)	158736	69	40	08	46	(1) PS No.42 Koratota Sri Somananda Vidyalaya. At About 12.45 a.m. supporters of Minister Susil Premajayantha's attacked five voters,(1) RA leelawathi (2) RA Vipulasena (3) RA Jayetilleka (4) Renuka Kumari(5) Assanka Gunawardena, who were identified as supporters of the NDF. They were admitted to hospital for the treatment .A complaint has been lodged at the Nawagamuwa Police Station.  (2) PS No.35. Sri Subodharamaya Battaramulla – At around 10.30 a.m. an election officer marked a ballot paper of elderly mother who from Wickramasinghe elders home without the permission of SPO.

						<p>(3) PS No. 2. Siri Sumanatissa Viduhala- UPFA supporters were seen distributing leaflets near the polling station.</p> <p>(4) PS No.53.Kalapaluwawe Sidhartha MV- NDF leaflets were scattered near the polling station.</p> <p>(5) PS No.56.Kalapaluwawe Sidhartha MV - NDF &amp; UPFA leaflets were scattered near the polling station.</p> <p>(6) PS No.43.Thunandahena Society Hall Koratota - NDF&amp; UPFA leaflets were scattered near the polling station.</p> <p>(7) PS No.17.Sri Sudarshnarama Vihaharaya Malabe - NDF leaflets were scattered in the Polling Station Vicinity.</p> <p>(8) PS No.3. Siri Sumanatisaa Vidyalaya Temporary Hall - UPFA leaflets were scattered in the area.</p>
Awissawella(4)	108138	67	53	-	50	
Homagama(4)	155720	71	40	-	53	
Maharagama(2)	121247	62	49	02	13	<p>(1) At about 09.30 a.m. residents of the Sucharithodaya Orphanage was advised to vote for presidential candidate Mahinda Rajapaksha and small size propaganda cards were distributed among them. Residents informed the SPO that they wanted to vote according to the propaganda cards. One individual who did not show the propaganda card lost his right to vote.</p> <p>(2) PS No.28. Nawinna Rajamaha Viharastanaya Preaching Hall – Leaflets, defamatory of the NDF candidate, were being distributed by UPFA supporters.</p>
Kesbawa(7)	148696	74	49	-	10	
Moratuwa(2)	114601	71	48	-	11	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1521854</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>133</b>	
<b>GAMPAHA DISTRICT</b>						
Wattala(3)	103893	64	42	-	72	
Negombo(2)	96028	64	37	-	38	
Katana(2)	127421	79	70	01	37	<p>(1) PS-60.The boutique in the old building of Kotugoda Roman Catholic Primary College in Kotugoda, Seeduwa Road was burnt by unidentified individuals who came on trailer bikes at about 08.45 a.m.The complainant N. Sandaruwan Fernando, supporter of NDF Candidate Sarath Fonseka believes that the UPFA is involved.</p>

Divulapitiya(1)	99742	72	38	01	27	(1) PS No 27.Ihela Madampella Ranasinghe Vidyalaya.Hall No.1 - CMEV monitor observed that one voter was impersonated in this polling station.
Mirigama(3)	114566	82	46	02	95	(1) PS No.49. Ganegoda Rajasinghe Vidyalaya - At about 13.00 p.m. it was reported that leaflets of UPFA were distributed among the voters coming to the polling station. These were distributed 50m away from the place. (2) PS No.38.At the polling station in Hapitigama Madyamaha Vidyalaya – around 3.30 p.m. the voter J.R Somawathi had requested the SPO to help her to vote for NDF candidate Sarath Fonseka but the SPO has used the opportunity to cast a vote for Mahinda Rajapaksha. When the voter raised questions about this she had been asked to leave the polling station without making any trouble.
Minuwangoda(5)	120860	74	51	01	80	(1) PS No.71. Nalanda Balika MV – supporters of UPFA,IND Group and Ruhunu Janatha Party were seen transporting voters to the polling station .
Attanagalla(4)	120900	80	20	01	-	(1) PS No.11. Thihariya Al Ashar Madaymaha Vidyalay (hall 1) - At around 9.00 a.m. it was reported that around 150 people were gathered in front of the polling station. They were not dispersed by the Police officer on duty, despite a complaint being made.
Gampaha(2)	133606	83	37	01	08	(1) PS No.20. Sapugaskanda Sobitha Balaka Vidyalaya - UPFA members were seen distributing leaflets that defame the character of the NDF candidate.
Ja-Ela(6)	127821	70	32	04	57	(1) PS No.58. Narangodapaluwa Kanishta Vidyalaya - At around 08.40 a.m. UPFA supporters who are standing in front of the polling station was seen erasing the ink marks on the fingers of the voters after they finished voting. (2) PS No. 51. Walpola Dharmaratna Junior School - UPFA supporters were seen gathered around the polling station. (3) PS No.18. St Sebastian Peries School, Kandana - UPFA members were seen gathering near the polling station. (4) PS No.55. Dharmaraja MV.UPFA members were observed gathering around the polling station.
Mahara(1)	134581	78	21	-	-	
Dompe(1)	104155	74	30	-	47	
Biyagama(10)	107786	66	34	02	138	(1) PS No.21. At the Sapugaskanda Sobitha Balika Vidyalaya (hall 1) - leaflets which were defametry President candidate Sarath Fonseka were distributed among the voters by supporters of Provincial Council Minister Jinadasa Gamage. The incident was reported at 10.35 a.m. by Rafeek, UNP Makola North President.

						(2) PS No.21.Sapugaskanda Sobitha Balika Vidyalaya –Pradeshiya Sabha Member Saman tried to pressure the SPO to allow a potential voter to vote without identification documents. However the SPO refused to allow the issue of ballot paper to this person.
Kelaniya(8)	83105	56	56	03	63	(1) PS No.18 &19.Eeriyawetiya Sri Sumangala MV - Cards bearing UPFA material was scattered in the vicinity. (2) PS No.30. Dipimgoda RC Junior School - Cards bearing the likeness of Sarath Fonseka were scattered in the area.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1474464</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>662</b>	
<b>KALUTARA DISTRICT</b>						
Panadura(9)	105569	63	40	-	35	
Bandaragama(5)	118942	68	39	01	19	(1) PS No.17. Batagoda Vocational Training Centre - A large number of leaflets bearing the symbol of the UPFA candidate were scattered in the vicinity.
Horana	108781	64	36	-	126	
Bulathsinhala(8)	74991	55	30	-	08	
Mathugama(8)	99737	60	37	-	104	
Biyagama(10)	107786	66	34	02	138	(1) PS No.21. At the Sapugaskanda Sobitha Balika Vidyalaya (hall 1) - leaflets which
Kaluthara(4)	106878	59	45	02	65	(1) PS No.6 .Near the Moronthuduwa Dhammananda Madya Maha Vidyalaya polling station (500m) till (9.00 a.m.) A cutout of President Candidate UPFA Mahinda Rajapaksha is displayed. UPFA minister Mahinda Samarasinghe is also displayed in the cutout. (2) PS No.16.Kudawaskaduwa Littleton Watte Welfare Society Hall - till (10.20 a.m.) a cutout of UPFA President candidate Mahinda Rajapaksha and Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe is displayed within 500 m vicinity of the polling station.
Beruwala(3)	104363	66	37	-	55	
Agalawatta(5)	93972	88	62	02	100	(1) PS No.82. Dickhena Kanishta Vidyalaya - At around 11.30 a.m. a voter was permitted to vote without the NIC, but by showing temporary receipt which was given by Gramasevaka officer W.D Sirisoma 841B, Batagodawila, Hadigalla Janapadaya ( 0342246844) in the polling station in Dikhena Kanishata Vidyalaya.

						(2) PS No.17. Pannila Junior School.- A three wheel taxi driver known as Ganesh was taken into custody, for allegedly transporting voters to the polling centers.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>813233</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>512</b>	
<b>SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE</b>						
<b>ELECTORAL DIVISION</b>	<b>TOTAL No.OF REGISTERED VOTERS</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED WITH INCIDENTS</b>	<b>No. OF VOTERS AT POLLING STATIONS WITHOUT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS</b>	<b>SPECIAL COMMENTS</b>
<b>RATNAPURA DISTRICT</b>						
Ehaliyagoda(9)	89519	61	32	02	08	(1) PS No.45. Ellawela MahaVidyalaya – A group of UPFA supporters were seing distributing of small campaign mattirials of Mahinda Rajapakes around 9.15 am. When Police Constable Priyanga enquired about this, perpetrators left the cards and fled. The CMEV Monitor reported this.  (2) PS No.31. Eheliyagoda M.M.V, PS No.5-Villegoda Wijenayaka Vidyalaya & PS No1. Eheliyagoda Dharmapala Vidyalaya: Workers (UPFA Supporters) of the Eheliyagoda filling station had pasted large posters of Mahinda Rajapakse near above polling stations.
Ratnapura(4)	108122	76	57	03	26	(1) PS.20 & 21.Close to Mudduwa and Gatangama areas Posters of Mahinda Rajapakse were observed in the area surrounding the Polling Stations at around 6 am. Reported by CMEV monitor.  (2) PS No. 44. Mudduwa Sri Sumana Pirivena - Small cards of Mahinda Rajapakse were observed scattered in the area surrounding the polling station, at around 6 am. Reported by CMEV Monitor.
Pelmadulla(4)	75685	53	30	01	28	(1) PS No.29. Morathota Vidyalaya-The SPO was enquiring from voters if they were voting for the Swan symbol. Ballots of disable voters were cast by the SPO.This allegation was made by PAFFRELL Monitor Sudesh Chatura Fernando
Balangoda(5)	93468	84	45	-	28	
Rakwana(5)	92891	70	39	-	72	
Nivithigala(2)	86973	62	27	-	18	
Kalawana(1)	57232	48	42	02	95	(1) PS No.40.Ratnapura Potupitiya Vidyalaya in Pothupitiya North - as reported by a CMEV Field Monitor,

						<p>the entry permission letter and the sealing tag for the Ballot Box were forcibly taken from the NDF Polling Agent Kumarage Piyadasa, by Janaka Premalal, Vice Chairman of Kalawaana Pradeshya Sabha who arrived in the vehicle of Minister Janaka Wakkumbura. Incident occurred around 6 am.</p> <p>(2) PS No.41. Dharmashaalawa of Lenagiri Vihara, at Kathlana – At around 11.15 a.m. UPFA supporters displayed a specimen ballot paper on which the box for Candidate Mahinda Rajapakse was highlighted; they also frequently displayed a small card, as reported by the CMEV mobile monitor.</p>
Kolonna(6)	62763	87	60	01	23	<p>(1) PS No 51- Pahala Aaduluwa Community Hall - Allegedly a female Samurdhi Officer of Pahara Aaduluwa Grama Niladari Division has collected and carried Temporary Identity Cards of H Jinadasa, and a number of others promising to increase their Samurdhi allowances; thereby depriving them of their vote. The incident occurred at around 11.25 a.m.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>734651</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>326</b>	
<b>KEGALLE DISTRICT</b>						
Dedigama(3)	83554	60	24	01	75	<p>(1) PS No.1. Waddeniya Junior School - The CMEV monitor reported that two Samurdi officers, Kamal Thushara Priyankara and RD Wijesiri, were working as UPFA polling agents. When CMEV Monitor questioned about this, SPO has said "if others can they too can work as polling agents".</p>
Galigamuwa(5)	64565	51	21	-	-	
Kegalle(6)	67118	49	33	-	62	
Rambukkana(1)	62325	45	47	08	22	<p>(1) PS Nos.45 Moragolla, 20 Surimaluwa, 33 Molagoda, 31 Kivulapana – Group of supporters of Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, Maheepala Herath prevent people from casting their vote. The symble of betel leaf were drawn on the road near above four polling centres.</p> <p>(2) PS No.13. Daliwala MV - A vehicle belonging to the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council bearing registration number 252- 6894 transported voters to the Polling Station at around 11 am. The Media Secretary of Chief Minister Mahipala Heart Sabaragamuwa PC was among alleged perpetrators.</p> <p>(3) PS No.27. Pinnawala Central College – the UPFA symbol drawn on the road opposite the College around 7.30 am- 8 .00 am, as reported by CMEV Monitor</p> <p>(4) PS No.21. Sujatha Junior School - Large number of UPFA symbols were displayed around the polling station.</p> <p>(5) PS No.44. Ambuwangala Junior School - UNP Organiser for Ramukkana Sanjith Samarasinghe, lodged a complaint alleging that, a group of supports /accomplices of Mahipala Herath, the Sabaragamuwa Chief Minister, attempted to attack UNP polling agents on their way back. Subsequently they again caught up</p>

						with the UNP agents near the Kongaha Junction, and obstructed their passage using motorbikes. They avoided this. However the third time too, on their way to Imbuldeniya Moragolla Polling Station, allegedly Nalin followed in a lorry registered SG/LG 7328 and Dias followed in a Red Cab and this group assaulted the party agents with stones and batons, at around 11.21 am. However no one was injured. The aggrieved party lodged a complaint at the Kegalle Police Station EIB /202/231 and the perpetrators were arrested. UNP Party supporter H.M.C.N Wijerathne made this complaint to CMEV.
Mawanella(3)	83066	57	36	02	118	<p>(1) PS No.22.Madheena Muslim Vidyalyaya - leaflets bearing UPFA betel leaf symbol were scattered around vicinity of the polling station .</p> <p>(2) PS No.19. Maliyadda Junior School - UPFA supporter known as Steven a member of mawanella Pradeshiya Sabha was seen transporting voters to the Polling Station in Vehicle bearing Registration number 53-8847. He was also threatening UNP voters in the area.</p>
Aranayaka(3)	51391	43	33	03	-	<p>(1) PS No.32. Elangipitiya, Aranayaka - a person named Upul , a driver of MP Lalith Dissanayake, kicked and slapped a person called Sarath, NDF supporter, around 8 am. Incident reported by Manoj Caldera, supporter of NDF.</p> <p>(2) PS No.20. Tellaka MV - Cards of Candidate Sarath Fonseka had been seen scattered on the ground near the polling station, around 10.35 am. Incident reported by Aranayake Monitor.</p> <p>(3) PS No.19. Duldeniya Junior School- UPFA Member of Parliament Lalith Dissanayaka and a group of other supporters had an argument with the PAFFREL observer on static observation at the polling station and chased him away from the station.</p>
Yatyanthota(4)	69964	56	47	01	52	(1) PS No.28.TheIaramba Sri Bodhirukkaramaya- At around 3.20 p.m. a group of UPFA party supporters were seen shouting slogans and saying ' subha anagathayak' the UPFA slogan
Ruwanwella(7)	70448	55	35	-	21	
Deraniyagala(4)	61507	54	24	02	65	<p>(1) PS No.3. The Dharmashalawa of Abhinawaramaya Temple, Punchi Madawala – NDF polling agents were chased away by a group of UPFA Supporters led by Anil champika at around 10.00 am. This complaint was made to CMEV by UNP party supporter Namal Soysa.</p> <p>(2) PS Nos.4-Basnagala MV,6 .Dodawatte Tertiary School and 5 . Polgaswatte MV - UPFA supporters were seen chasing away voters.CMEV was informed by Ruhunu Janatha Paksaya supporter IRA Chandrasena.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>613938</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>415</b>	

# **NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE**

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<b>KURUNEGALA DISTRICT</b>						
Galgamuwa (3)	96354	66	34	01	70	(1) PS No.57. Maha Ambogama Junior School - .Mr Weragoda who was an authorized agent of the NDF, complained that the UPFA supporters belonging to Nil Balakaya were hampering the voters at the polling station.
Nikaweratiya(1)	87904	64	31	-	32	
Yapahuwa(8)	105779	67	34	-	40	
Hiriyala(11)	92150	59	43	01	69	(1) PS No.36.Ai Meena Muslim Maha Vidyalaya, Bakmeegolla. - When the CMEV monitors; W.A.S.L. Gunawardene and R. S. G. Wijendra were entering the polling stations, they had been scolded by about 20 UPFA supporters in filth saying that they are JVPers. Further, their files and documents had been torn by these people. Then two policemen had tried to defuse the situation.
Wariyapola(5)	71903	51	38	01	36	(1) PS No.28.Karagaswewa Kanishta Vidyalaya - large posters of NDF Candidate Sarath Fonseka hung on trees within 500 m of the polling station
Panduwasnuwara(2)	70131	51	29	-	35	
Bingiriya(4)	82441	61	38	01	28	(1) Sumana Ariyadasa Attorney At Law and supporter of UPFA claimed that Police were questioning voters as to what party they were voting for & assaulted those who supported the UPFA.She claimed that the Police officers arrived at the polling station in vehicle number JN-0196.
Katugampola(8)	89310	65	32	01	54	(1) PS No.25. Hamangalle Maha Vidyalaya - At around 7.45 a.m. an UNP supporter was assaulted by a team of UPFA supporters on his way to the Polling Station. However this has not been reported to the Giriulla Police Station.
Kuliyaipitiya(2)	94743	70	21	02	-	(1) PS No.9. Bogamulla Ruwangiri Madya Maha Vidyalaya - At about 9.30 a.m. North Western Provincial Councilor Gunadasa Dehigama had threatened the CMEV monitor Ms. Deepika Kumari "you have no right to come here. Who asked you to come here? Please leave this place. If not we will ask the Police to put you out of this place". SPO also persuaded monitor to leave the Polling Station.  (2) PS No.20.Siyambalagaskotuwa Madina Jathika Pasala - 1.00 pm: A group of supporters of the Chief

						Minister of North Western Province ,Athula Wijesinghe, and Provincial Counciler Gunadasa Dehigama had assaulted Chandana Pushpakumara of UNP cluster society Kuliypitiya and sent off the voters from the Polling Station. Mr. Pushpakumara is being treated at Ward No.1 of Katupotha National Hospital.
Dambadeniya(1)	89631	61	33	01	50	(1) PS No.22. Alawwa Rathanalankara Vidyalaya - At about 9 a.m. when a woman came to vote she found out that someone had already voted in her name.
Polgahawela(14)	73283	54	33	-	92	
Kurunegala(19)	81523	50	43	-	26	
Mawathagama(5)	82656	57	48	01	45	(1) PS No.2.Wekada MMV. Hall No 2 - A large number of cards and leaflets bearing the betel symbol were seen scatered by supporters near the polling station.
Dodangaslanda(6)	65846	46	34	-	31	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1183654</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>608</b>	
<b>PUTTALAM DISTRICT</b>						
Puttalam(13)	102643	115	83	03	03	<p>(1) PS No.14. D Pulivvakulama Omar Faruk Muslim Maha Vidyalaya - hall 1 - At about 7.00 am: Supporters of Minister Rishad Badiudeen had transported Muslim IDP voters from IDP camps; Almahar (Kalpitiya), Alankuda B Camp and Arfanagar in Bus; NP: NA -4025 and Van; 59-8633 to the Polling Station;</p> <p>(2) PS No.21. Kandalai Sinhala Vidyalaya - At about 11.30 a.m. while some voters were on their way to the Polling Station, some UNP supporters had threatened them to cast their vote for General Sarath Fonseka. Those supporters were wearing green coloured caps and had left the place after seeing the CMEV monitor</p> <p>(3) PS No.77D. Palavi Ulukapalam Vidyalaya Polling Station (Special Hall No1&amp; 2 - At about 10.15 a.m. former minister Noordeen Mazur and his supporters had come with the Police and the Army and assaulted voters returning from the Polling Station after casting their vote. Also they stressed that only Muslim women could enter the Polling Station.</p>
Anamaduwa(4)	101696	91	45	01	137	<p>(1) PS No.75 Ginipitiya Maha Vidyalaya -11.30 am: A voter had brought his ballot paper to the Polling Station. The CMEV EDO at the polling station had lodged a complaint. But the officials at the above Polling Station had told him to withdraw the complaint. Chilaw(7)10824482600852(1)PS No.61 Manakkulama Kanishta Vidyalaya Polling Station - At about 9.20 am: two UPFA supporters wearing T-shirts with the president's photograph and having banners and posters in hand, were seing campaigning near the Polling Station.</p> <p>(2) PS No.81. Sudewella Prathamika Viduhala-Madampe - At about 12.25 pm: at the gates of the Polling Station,15-20 male supporters of the UPFA wearing T-shirts with President's picture were distributing</p>

						<p>cards with the Betel Leaf Symbol.</p> <p>(3) PS No.61. Manankulama Kanishta Vidyalaya – At about 10.15 am: The “Maharajanani Geethaya” of President Rajapakse was played non-stop in a vehicle driven around the Polling Station encouraging people to vote for Mahinda Rajapakse.</p> <p>(4) PS No.23. Bangadeniya Junior School-Hall no1- UNP MP Palitha Rangebandara informed CMEV that at about 10.20 a.m. Aratchkattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Jagath Samantha had allegedly assaulted voters and threatened NDF polling agents to leave the polling centre.</p> <p>(5) PS No.66 . Chilaw Pambala Kanishta Vidyalaya – At around 2.35 p.m. a group of UPFA supporters forcibly entered into the Polling Station.</p> <p>(6) PSNo 66 -Chilaw Pambala Kanishta Vidyalaya – A large poster casting aspersions at NDF candidate prominently displayed on the route to the Polling Station.</p> <p>(7) PS No73 –Wellawagara Cooperative Community Hall - Small pictures of the President were scattered on the ground near the Polling Station.</p> <p>(8) PS No82 –Karukkuwatawana Rural Development Society Hall. At about 9.45 a voter identified as Velupillai had complained to the election secratariate that the one officer of the polling station was standing very close to the place where voters were making their ballot papers.</p>
Nattandiya(8)	83218	64	34	-	143	
Wennappuwa(1)	99774	75	27	-	04	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>495575</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>339</b>	
<b>NORTHERN PROVINCE</b>						
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<b>JAFFNA DISTRICT</b>						
Kyts	53111	47	39	-	-	

Vaddukoddai	63992	57	34	-	52	
Kankasanthurai	69082	58	18	-	-	
Manipay	71114	62	55	01	07	(1) PS No.28. Chunnakam RC School – At about 2.15am a grenade was hurled at this Polling Station in the early hours of Election Day
Kopay	65808	60	16	-	-	
Udupiddy	56426	53	39	01	26	(1) On 26.01.2010. At about 3.30 am, Jaffna road, Thaniyambai - An unknown group had thrown two hand bombs in order to threaten and scare away voters.
Point Pedro	48613	43	39	-	19	
Chavakachcheri	65141	51	41	03	14	(1) PS No. 6 ,7 and 3 .J /Navatkuli Mahavidyalayam (Hall No1,2 & 3) - At about 9.17 a.m. A group of people, allegedly EPDP in a coloured van bearing number 52-4483 parked withing 500 m of the Polling Station and taken calls on a CDMA phone.
Nallur	72558	52	35	03	10	(1) Arasedy Road, Thekkadiya – The CMEV Monitor reported that at about 3.55 a.m, a hand grenade has been hulred by an unidentified group of people on Arased Road at Thekkadiya (2) PS .No.33 Ariyalai Community Center - At about 1.37a.m. members of the EPDP were seen harassing voters and impeding their arrival at the Polling Station. (3) PS No.21—Hall No1-Kondavil Hindu Mahavidyalayam -At about 1.37am* members of the EPDP were seen harassing voters and impeding their arrival at the Polling Station.
Jaffna	64714	43	41	02	12	(1) Jaffna Municipial Council Hall - At about 3.50 a.m., an unidentified group hurled hand bombs. (2) Jaffna Town – At about 12.45 p.m. two people came by and a motor bycle threatened shopkeepers to close shops and down shutters as there would be a serious incident in the afternoon. this incident was reported by the CMEV Monitor.
Kilinochchi	90811	95	37	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>721359</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>140</b>	
<b>VANNI DISTRICT</b>						
Mannar	85322	68	64	-	07	

Vavuniya	112924	91	70	04	54	<p>(1) PS No. 40. Muslim M.V. Pattanichchippukulam - At about 11.43 a.m. Mannar Road, 6<sup>th</sup> Lane, a hand grenade was hurled by people suspected to be UPFA supporters namely Nazim, Rizni Larry, &amp; Rizwan who came in a van bearing registration number No. 57-9138. The grenade was hurled at Mr. A.L.M. Safir (UNP supporter-brother of SLMC Urban Council Member) who was within 500m of the Polling Station. Mr. Safir was not injured.</p> <p>(2) Kurumankadu, Vavuniya - At about 11.50 a.m. - A hand grenade was alleged to have been hurled at the residence of Mr. Dharmadeva who was residing at no 25 4<sup>th</sup> Lane Kurumankadu.</p> <p>(3) Paddirikulam Amman Road - At about 12.02 p.m, at the School Road Junction a grenade was thrown with the intention of scaring the voters. No one was however injured.</p> <p>(4) Karisal RCTM School Mannar - At about 8.11.20 am. A Police Constable was threatened by Minister for Resettlement Rishad Badurdeen who had allegedly stated. 'You have to do what we tell you'-He had also pulled the jacket of the Police Constable when he threatened him.</p>
Mulativ	68729	50	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>266975</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>61</b>	

#### NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

ELECTORAL DIVISION	TOTAL No.OF REGISTERED VOTERS	No. OF POLLING CENTRES	No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED	No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED WITH INCIDENTS	No. OF VOTERS AT POLLING STATIONS WITHOUT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS	SPECIAL COMMENTS
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#### ANURADHAPURA DISTRICT

Medawachchciya(7)	75683	75	28	01	22	(1) PS No. 43. Adarsha Ikkirigollawa Muslim school -The Senior Presiding Officer (SPO) of the polling centre refused to share any information with the CMEV monitor at around 8.30 am.
Horowpothana(8)	73590	64	48	06	78	<p>(1) PS No.45. Gelenbedunuwewa Kanishta Vidyalaya - Former DIG and UNP supporter Herath was seen instructing the voters gathered near the polling center to vote for presidential candidate Sarath Fonseka at around 8.00am.</p> <p>(2) PS No.43 Ulpathgama Vidyalay - Handbills of NDF presidential candidate Sarath Fonseka were dispersed within 100 meters of the Polling Station at around 10.27 am.</p> <p>(3) PS No.43 A group of supporters belonging to Ruhunu Janatha Party were seen influencing voters coming</p>

						<p>into the Ulpathgama vidyalaya Polling Station at around 10.27am.</p> <p>(4) PS No37.Kahatagasdigiliya Madya Maha Vidyalaya - CMEV monitor wasn't allowed to enter into the polling center by the SPO at around 11.55am.</p> <p>(5) PS 46 Sri Naga Viharaya Galapitigala - Leaflets of Presidential Candidate Mahinda Rajapaksha were distributed within 100 meters of the Polling Station at around 6.00am</p> <p>(6) PS No.6.Mukkarawewa Muslim maha Vidyalaya.-UPFA Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Mr Mansoor was seen treating voters in the house opposite the Polling Station.</p>
Anuradhapura East(3)	88157	81	36	-	03	
Anuradhapura West(7)	93534	89	45	-	47	
Kalawewa(17)	115275	97	48	-	80	
Mihinthale(4)	59137	57	23	-	65	
Kekirawa(12)	73885	64	38	-	48	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>656345</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>343</b>	
<b>POLONNARUWA DISTRICT</b>						
Minneriya(5)	77084	63	31	02	398	<p>(1) PS No.49. Yatiyalpathan Kanishta Vidyalaya - Small cards of presidential candidates Mahinda Rajapaksa and Sarath Fonseka dispersed around the polling center at around 8.15am.</p> <p>(2) PS No.51.Polonnaruwa-Minneriya National School Hingurakgoda. - A large number of handbills containing the betel leaf symbol strewn in front of the Polling Station. Similarly a large number of posters bearing the image of General Fonseka and his symbol, the Swan, were displayed along the way within the 500 meter exclusion area.</p>
Medirigiriya(10)	72402	57	26	-	03	
Polonnaruwa(54)	130851	111	76	12	190	<p>(1) In Soriwila Tamil Village - UNP supporters distributed leaflets containing the symbol of Swan (symbol of Presidential candidate Sarath Fonseka) around 8.45 am.</p> <p>(2) UPFA supporter, Udayasiri was seen distributing model ballot papers in Parana Millana gama, Dimbulagala around 8.15am</p> <p>(3) Supporters of UPFA minister Siripala Gamlath were seen distributing dry rations in Soriwilla Tamil Village at around 8.10am.</p>

						<p>(4) PS No.21. Maduru-oya Maha vidyalaya -A mud sliging poster of presidential candidate Sarath Fonseka had been allegedly pasted by UPFA supporters near the Polling Station (21) at around 8.45am. The incident was reported to CMEV by JVP member Dinesh Kumara.</p> <p>(5) PS No.31&amp;32 -Small hand bills of Presidential Candidate Mahinda Rajapaksa had been dispersed by UPFA supporters within 20 meters of the Alawakumbura Maha Vidyalaya Polling center (31, 32) at around 10.20am.</p> <p>(6) PS No.36. Bogaswewa Maha Vidyalaya - Leaflets of Presidential Candidates Mahinda Rajapaksa(UPFA) and Sarath Fonseka (NDF) dispersed within 300 meters of the Polling Station(36) at around 10.10am</p> <p>(7) PS No69 -Sri Nissankamalla pura Peoples Coopration Building Polonnaruwa- Voters brought small chits into the Polling Station amidst objection by the SPD.</p> <p>(8) PS No.48-Dalukana Junior School Polonnaruwa.-Either side of the approach to the above Polling Station pasted with posters of General Fonseka &amp; the incumbent president Mahinda Rajapaksa &amp; the pathway was strewn with handbills bearing the symbols of both candidates.</p> <p>(9) PS No.28-Gaeliya junior Vidyalaya-Cards bearing election symbols of both Mahinda Rajapaksa &amp; General Fonseka were strewn along the ground.</p> <p>(10) Thamankaduwa.PC member Peshala Jayarathna was seen transporting voters to the polling centers in Thamankaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha Vehicles.</p> <p>(11) PS No 29 Kadjuwatte Junior school Kadjuwatta - Nine People were seen and heard shouting slogans in support of the Swan Symbol.</p> <p>(12) Damminna-Polomnnaruwa.UPFA AK Nishantha, Harishchandra, Ranjan, Nanayakkara and Prasad were seen obstructing &amp; threatening Laksman Seneviratna when he was on his way to vote.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>280337</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>591</b>	
<b>CENTRAL PROVINCE</b>						
<b>ELECTORAL DIVISION</b>	<b>TOTAL No.OF REGISTERED VOTERS</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED WITH INCIDENTS</b>	<b>No. OF VOTERS AT POLLING STATIONS WITHOUT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS</b>	<b>SPECIAL COMMENTS</b>
<b>KANDY DISTRICT</b>						
Galagedara(4)	52553	44	28	01	12	(1) PS No.1- Dehideniya Kanishta Vidyalaya- At around 13.45pm 2 UNP members were assaulted at this

						Polling Station by UPFA supporters. The incident took place after the 2 individuals had cast their vote. They suffered injuries as a result.
Harispattuwa(0)	147475	101	40	01	25	(1) PS No.70 Batagala Community Hall Batagala-The notice in front of the entrance is painted over with the sign of the UPFA symbol of the Betel Leaf.
Pathadumbara(1)	78688	53	41	01	-	(1) PS No.33 Pitiyagedhara Gramasanvardhana Mahum Puhunu Madyasthanaya Karyalaya- At around 11.30 a.m. ID cards of around 30 persons were found to be faulty and they were not allowed to vote. Therefore they joined the Vice-President of the Harispattuwa Provincial Council and behaved in an aggressive manner. This crowd accused the SPO.
Ududumbara(2)	55629	50	-	-	-	
Theldeniya(0)	45144	41	18	03	-	(1) PS No.2. Medhamahanuwara Maha Vidyalay- At around 10.05 a.m. an UPFA office was functioning within 150m of the polling center and about 10 people were operating within the office as observed by CMEV officers. (2) PS No.9 .Waradiwela MahaVidyalaya –CMEV was informed that mobile monitors of the CMEV was not allowed to enter the Polling Station by the SPO. (3) PS No 30-Abeysinghe Junior School Hall no1 The SPO & ARO refused the CMEV mobile team permission to enter the Polling Station
Kundasale(11)	85857	42	33	01	148	(1) PS No15, Sirimalwatte Mahavidyalaya Lewella - At about 9.00 , Ishara sanddeepani had an argument with election officials in the Polling Station because she could not produce her identity card.
Hewaheta(0)	65176	47	30	05	38	(1) PS No.21- At 8.45am in Pallegama next to the Haputale Maha Vidyalaya Polling Station, a group of 10 -12 persons had gathered there and were distributing handbills with Mahinda Rajapakse picture on it to the voters (2) PS No.23 Hall No2 - At 8.45am in Pallegama next to the Haputale Maha Vidyalaya Polling Station, a group of 10-12 persons had gathered there and were distributing handbills with Mahinda Rajapakse picture on it to the voters (3) PS No.47 a-Naramhinna Govt School Naramhinna- A polling agent of the UPFA had taken cards bearing the symbol of the UPFA into the Polling Station and Police has taken those to their custody. A group of UPFA supporters had intimidated voters to vote for their candidate from 100 m away to the polling centre. (4) PS No.47 a Naramhinna Govt.School Naramhinna - Supporters of the UPFA were seen canvassing within the 500 meter Polling Station perimeter. The police dispersed these individuals at around 1pm. (5) PS No11 -Village Development Society Hall Pinnagolla.-UPFA supporters distributed cards bearing Mahinda Rajapases symbol the betel leaf within the 500 meter polling centre premises.

Senkadagala(0)	72906	42	19	02	11	<p>(1) PS No.26- Sundameir Community Center Agustawatte - Dimuthu Abeykoon and some JVP supporters were seen assaulting some UPFA voters. CMEV was informed about this incident by Mahinda Katugaha Attorney At Law in the UPFA Operations Room.</p> <p>(2) PS No.28 -Hall No 2 Udaperadeniya Mahavidyalaya -Dimuthu Abeykoon and some JVP supporters were seen assaulting some UPFA voters. CMEV was informed about this incident by Mahinda Katugaha Attorney At Law in the UPFA Operations Room.</p>
Mahanuwara(2)	36938	25	19	01	04	(1) PS No.7-St Sylversters Primary College, - Attempted impersonation thwarted by the SP0.
Yatinuwara(7)	76996	51	32	01	73	(1) PS No.41.Rathnapitiya Maha Vidyalaya Menikdiwela- NDF supporters being disruptive in the 500 meter zone.
Udunuwara(7)	76812	55	29	-	28	
Gampola(2)	91146	59	33	03	04	<p>(1) PS No.32. Atabage Udagama MV-About 70 persons were milling around the Polling Station.</p> <p>(2) PS.35 –Atabage Ihalagama Junior School - About 30 persons were observed hampering the voting process.</p> <p>(3) PS No.32.Atabage Udagama MV - It was observed that D M Jayaratne's (Minister of Plantation Industries), son was involved in a fight with a police constable who was stationed at the Polling Station at about 3.50 p.m.</p>
Nawalapitiya(10)	85136	57	40	10	04	<p>(1) PS No 57. Nawalapitiya Kanishta Maha Vidyalaya - .at 8.30am a group of about 5 persons prevented about 10-15 NDF voters from casting their votes and sending them away. The Nawalapitiya Police IP Navaratne managed to bring the situation under control and disperse the said group.</p> <p>(2) PS No57. Nawalapitiya Kanishta Balika Vidyalaya - At 9.30am: a group of 5 people stationed in front of the Nawalapitiya Kanishta Balika Vidyalaya Polling Station intimidated the supporters of the NDF and turned them away from the Polling Station. Upon seeing the incident, an IP (officer Samarajeewa) from the Nawalapitiya Police Station had dispersed the said group of 5 people.</p> <p>(3) PS No 57 Nawalapitiya Kanishta Balika Vidyalaya Soysa Kele - At around 9.30 a.m. CMEV Monitor reported that a group of UPFA supporters gathered around the polling centre barred voters access to the centre.</p> <p>(4) PS No 19. Thambiligala Kanishta Vidyalaya - At around 10.15 a.m there has been an explosion inside a van in front of the Polling Station. A vehicle in which a group of supporters of Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage were traveling was damaged. No injuries were reported</p> <p>(5) PS No.56 - .Anurudda Kumara MV. Ambagamuwa Road - at around 3.45 p.m. about 200 UPFA supporters gathered in front of the Polling Station and hindered opposition voters from voting.</p>

						<p>(6) PS No 55 .St Andrews Girls College, Gampola Road, Nawalapitiya - NDF supporters were chased away from the Polling Station and cards with betel leaf symbol distributed.</p> <p>(7) No46.Rambukpitiya MV.Pahatha Rambupitiya - UPFA members arrived at the Polling Station in a van covered in UPFA posters and distributed cards and leaflets bearing the betel leaf symbol. They also harassed and chased away NDF supporters.</p> <p>(8) PS No2. Alagolla Junior School Alagolla - NDF supporters were chased away by UPFA supporters from the Polling Station premises.</p> <p>(9) PS No.44 Meepitiya Vocational Training Centre – at around 1.10 p.m. Gamini Hettiarachchi of the UNP (Nawalapitiya National Organiser) was seen harassing voters in the vicinity of the Polling Station.This incident was reported to CMEV by UH Shantha Priyantha.</p> <p>(10) PS 34 .Pathunupitiya Mahavidyalaya Paththunupitiya - At about 2.10 p.m. Gamini Hettiarachchi of the UNP(Nawalapitiya National Organiser) was seen harassing voters in the vicinity of the Polling Station. This incident was reported to CMEV by Kurunegala Piyarathna.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>970456</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>347</b>	
<b>NUWARAELIYA DISTRICT</b>						
Nuwaraeliya– Maskeliya (5)	247269	192	138	09	335	<p>(1) PS No178 .Gavaravala Watte Demala Vidyalaya - one 2x4 banner of Sarath Fonseka was displayed close to the entrance of the Polling Station by the NDF.</p> <p>(2) PS No 72. Gal Palama Govi Puhunu Madyasthanay - At around 8.30am a group of people had given out hand bills with betel leaf symbol and a cross against it.</p> <p>(3) PS No 53. Radella Krida Samaja Shalawa Polling Station - At about 10.00 a.m. CWC supporters arrived at the Polling Station in a van and distributed UPFA posters to supporters.</p> <p>(4) PS No.53 Radella Sports Club Hall - At about 12.30 members of the CWC were seen offering food parcels and liquor to voters. This incident was reported by the CMEV Monitor.</p> <p>(5) PS No.57 Dharmapala Vidyalaya Blackpool and PS No 56 St. Anthoneys Mv.Blackpool - Between 10.30 -11.00am the place where mark the ballot paper was not covered and as a result votes that were cast were visible to the SPO and other officers who were present.</p> <p>(6) PS No.26.Ferham Estate School ,Lindula Talawakelle - Members of both NDF &amp; UPFA were actively canvassing and distributing cards with symbols within the 500 meter exclusion zone during polling.</p> <p>(7) PS No.15 Watagoda Tamil MV - Members of the CWC were seen pressurizing voters to vote for their candidate. They were subsequently dispersed by the Police.</p>

						(8) PS No.69,Pedro Estate Tamil School - The CMEV monitor was able to identify a voter who tried to impersonate.The Grama Sevaka .S Krishnakumar who was under the influence of alcohol permitted the impersonation.
Kothmale(4)	70730	64	40	-	101	
Hanguranketha(1)	65969	66	51	01	35	(1) PS No11.Udama Kuruppa Preaching Hall Udama Kuruppa - At about 11a.m. 3 polling agents of the NDF walked out of the polling after reciving some information from another group of NDF supporters.
Walapane(2)	73369	67	26	-	04	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>457337</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>475</b>	
<b>MATALE DISTRICT</b>						
Dambulla(17)	119453	97	45	15	82	<p>(1) PS NO 70. Thiththawallagoda State Primary School – at about 10.00 a.m.voters were transported in a lorry bearing registration No:LC-2842 and another vehicle. Beside the Polling center there were more than 10 vehicles.</p> <p>(2) PS NO 70. Thiththawallagoda State Primary School Min. Janaka Bandara Tennekoon's house is located 100m away from the Polling Station and a huge cutout of Mahinda Rajapaksa &amp; Janaka Bandara had displayed infront of his house.</p> <p>(3) PS No.33 Bambawa Government Junior School Bambawa.CMEV monitor saw large crowds milling in front of the Polling Station. Many vehicles were seen transporting voters to this Polling Station.</p> <p>(4) PS No.56 Makulugaswewa Government School Makulugaswewa - The former member of the UPFA Pradeshiya Sabha Mr Ariyaratna was seen actively canvassing within the Polling Station 500 meter exclusion zone.</p> <p>(5) PS No 73 Weeramoha Jayamaha Junior School Dambulgama -15 members of the UPFA wearing blue caps were seen immediately adjacent to the Polling Station.</p> <p>(6) PS No. 22 Hall No1 Medabedda North Medabedda Government School - Many persons were seen milling around the Polling Station. Some persons were seen transporting voters to the Polling Station in three wheeler taxis.</p> <p>(7) PS No.64 Kalugaha Ela Government Primary School - UPFA supporters had arrived at the Polling Station and threatened NDFsupporters. CMEV was informed by Ranjith Aluwihare UNP MP at about 1.40PM.</p> <p>(8) PS No.80.-Kandalama DS Senanayaka MV – A group of UPFA supporters were seen harassing voters near the cooperative adjacent to the Polling Station.</p>

						<p>(9) PS No 86 –Pelwehera Government Agricultural School - A large group of UPFA supporters were seen harassing NDF voters who came to the Polling Station.This incident was reported to CMEV by Gen:(Ret) Sarath Fonseka's Head Quarters .</p> <p>(10) PS No 78 Pahala Arawwawela Junior School - A large group of UPFA supporters were seen harassing NDF voters who came to the polling station.This incident was reported to CMEV by Gen:(Ret) Sarath Fonseka's Head Quarters</p> <p>(11) PS No 85 Old Bulagala Government School - A large contingent of UPFA supporters were seen harassing NDF voters. This incident was reported to CMEV by Gen:(Ret) Sarath Fonseka's Head Quarters</p> <p>(12) PS No 84 Kandalama Tennekoon MMV - A large contingent of UPFA supporters were seen harassing NDF voters. This incident was reported to CMEV by Gen:(Ret) Sarath Fonseka's Head Quarters</p> <p>(13) PS No 47 Silvathgala Mv.Hall No1 - UPFA supporters who arrived in vehicles were seen harassing NDF voters.This incident was reported by Ranjith Aluwihare UNP MP.</p> <p>(14) PS No.90 Kimbissa Government Junior School (Hall No 1) - About 20 people were seen milling adjacent to the Polling Station.</p> <p>(15) PS No.91 Kimbissa Government Junior School (Hall No 2) - About 20 people were seen milling adjacent to the Polling Station</p>
Laggala(10)	64696	67	25	01	19	<p>(1) PS No 44 Guruwela Rajya Kanishta Vidyalaya - At about 6.30 a.m. an unidentified group of people grabbed one of UNP polling agent's file containing documents while he was walking towards the Polling Station.</p>
Matale(7)	75154	57	33	03	05	<p>(1) PS No 24 Matale Sri Dharamaraja Pirivena - A 8X5 cutout of Sarath Fonseka was displaying next to the polling station.</p> <p>(2) PS No.46 Salagame Government Junior School (Hall No.1) - A private bus (60-5300) observed transporting people to the Polling Station.The bus had posters of Mahinda Rajapaksa prominently displayed on the side panels.</p> <p>(3) At the same Polling Station a voter had his ID stolen in front of the Polling Station entrance.</p>
Rattota(8)	83381	74	31	02	03	<p>(1) PS No 64. Rajaye Hindu Maha Vidyalaya - At about 8.05 a.m. the UPFA had distributed campaign material at the Polling Station.</p> <p>(2) PS No18 Elwala Rajyaye Kanishta Vidyalaya - At 9.20 a.m. Ukuwela, the former Vice-President of the Ukuwela Provincial Council Mr. Jayavipathi, a UPFA supporter, seen standing near the gates of polling centre greeting people who came to vote with betel leaves.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342684</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>109</b>	

SOUTHERN PROVINCE						
ELECTORAL DIVISION	TOTAL No.OF REGISTERED VOTERS	No. OF POLLING CENTRES	No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED	No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED WITH INCIDENTS	No. OF VOTERS AT POLLING STATIONS WITHOUT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS	SPECIAL COMMENTS
<b>GALLE DISTRICT</b>						
Balapitiya (2)	50109	49	39	-	28	
Ambalangoda (2)	68780	58	43	03	-	<p>(1) PS No 15 Ambalangoda, Arachikanda Funeral Society - Some leaflets carrying the betel leaf symbol had been distributed near the Polling Station about 9.55 a.m.</p> <p>(2) PS No.52 Hall Sri Jayathilakaramaya Viharasthanaya - At about 10.10 a.m. UPFA supporters were seen distributing betel leaf symbol bearing cards near the Polling Station..</p> <p>(3) PS No 56- Village Development Society Hall, Ginimella gaha South - UPFA supporters were seen transporting voters in three three wheelers at about 9.50 a.m.</p>
Karandeniya(20)	67025	58	39	-	20	
Benthara- Elpitiya (3)	84772	72	31	04	44	<p>(1) PS No 68. Waturawilla Junior School - at about 11.15 a.m. cards bearing the Swan symbol were distributed urging people to vote for NDF candidate alleged ly by JVP supporters as reported by CMEV Monitor.</p> <p>(2) PS No 66 Ambana Junior School, Ambana - two drunken persons verbally abusing voters against voting around 11 .20 am.close to the polling centre.This was reported by CMEV Monitor.</p> <p>(3) PS No 50.Uduwila Wiwekarama Dharmashala – At around 1.20 p.m. campaign materials bearing symbole of beatle leaf were distributed around the Polling Station. CMEV Monitor reported.</p> <p>(4) PS No 44.St.Mary College Kurundugaha Hethakma - At about 11.45 a.m.Dilum Jayawardena, a voter, alleged that Chandra Opatha had fraudulently voted by impersonating him.</p>
Hindiuma(5)	94245	85	74	03	80	<p>(1) PS No.57. Yatalamatta Samarasekara Junior School - CMEV Monitor reported that some voters were transported to the Polling Station by a vehicle bearing No.251-9035.</p> <p>(2) PS No.72. Dharmashalawa of Sumanarama Viharaya in Naran-owita - CMEV Mobile Monitor reported tyres being burnt within a distance of about 10 meters from the Polling Centre as alleged by an on</p>

						<p>looker. Incident said to have occurred at 4 am.</p> <p>(3) PS No.75 Poddiewela MV.UPFA supporter known as Kumara was seen forcefully marking a NDF supporters finger.Consequently the latter could not vote.</p>
Beddegama(7)	89805	80	54	03	23	<p>(1) PS No 14 Sri Dharmakara Viharaya Polling Station - CMEV Monitor reported that about fifty to sixty cards with swan symbol were been seen scattered in the vicinity of the Polling Station about 10.15 a.m.</p> <p>(2) PS No. 36. Kasideniya Junior School - CMEV Monitor reported that many campaign cards with swan symbol were distributed near the Polling Station about 01.00 a.m.</p> <p>(3) PS No.8 Sri Dharmepala Viharaya - Propaganda leaflets supporting for the candidate Gen Fonseka had been strewn near the polling station by NDF supporters.</p>
Ratgama(0)	74442	66	40	01	102	<p>(1) At around 7.45 a.m. CMEV Monitor reported that fire crackers were lit near almost every polling station at Rathgama and created some tense situation for opposition party support voters.</p>
Galle(0)	71575	61	33	01	67	<p>(1) PS No12 Katagoda Technical Collage - Around 10.10 am Deputy Minister Lionel Premasiri, Deputy Mayor of Galle Fawzie Niyas ( UPFA) visited a house close to Katagoda Technical Collage and threatened and intimidated the occupants as alleged by Phillip Nishantha, who also placed an entry with the Galle Harbour Police.</p>
Akmeemana(6)	84872	69	40	02	14	<p>(1) PS No 32 - Akmeemana Pradeshiya Sabha Hall - About 12.45 after noon Mr.H.M.Sarath complained that a group of UPFA supporters were transported to the Polling Station in a Double Cab( 53-5848)</p> <p>(2) PS No.27 Opatha Rahula Vidyalaya - UPFA Supporters were seen distributing modle ballot papers with the mark made for the betel leaf.</p>
Habaraduwa(12)	76190	72	40	01	16	<p>(1) PS No 4. Bonavista Maha Vidyalaya - About 9.50 a.m.UNP Organizer for Habaraduwa reported that UPFA supporters were obstructing voters and distributing leaflets carrying the betel leaf symbol near the Polling Station</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>762115</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>394</b>	
<b>MATARA DISTRICT</b>						
Deniyaya(10)	86311	62	48	07	32	<p>(1) PS No 5.Bevaraliya Tamil Junior School - At about 2.00 p.m.CMEV Mobile Monitor reported that many voters were influenced by UPFA supporters to cast their vote for Mahinda Rajapaksa.</p> <p>(2) PS No2 .Pushparama temple - About 9.30 a.m.CMEV Monitor reported that the Rev.Thero has influenced voters to cast their vote for the UPFA. A complaint was lodged with the SPO about the incident.</p> <p>(3) PS No.7 Kalugalahena Sri Indrarama Vihar - Plantation workers were seen transported by vehicles</p>

						<p>bearing registration no. SPLC -6197 &amp; SPLC GJ-8991 by Pathmasiri who is a brother of president of Deniyaya Pradeshiya Sabha.</p> <p>(4) PS No.47 Waralla MV- UNP MP Sagala Ratnayaka complained CMEV that two UPFA supporters, Sagara &amp; Piyal, had torn two temporary ID cards of NDF supporters.</p> <p>(5) PS No.5 Bevaraliya Tamil Junior School - A large poster of Mahinda Rajapasa was seen displayed near the polling station.</p> <p>(6) PS No.11 Vihara Hena Sri Vijeyarama Viharasthanaya - CMEV mobile team reported that at around 10.35 a.m. campaigning posters were displaying in the vicinity of the polling station.</p> <p>(7) PS No.59 Govijana Seva Centre Kothagoda - CMEV was informed that Kanake Liyanage Dayananda's vote had been cast by another person. Therefore, the SPO had given him a duplicate ballot paper.</p>
Hakmana(2)	87510	62	40	-	56	
Akuressa(10)	87510	62	40	01	27	(1) PS No 22 Marambe Mahavidyalaya Hall 1- At around 3.20 a.m. a group of UPFA supporters gathered near the polling station were seen harassing UNP & JVP voters.
Kamburupitiya(5)	77705	63	41	01	47	(1) PS No 21 Ihala Vitiyala Junior School Hall No 2- At around 7.20 a.m. one voter shouted saying "Sarath Fonsekata Jayawewa". While another was displaying his marked ballot paper.
Devinuwara(5)	74601	61	34	-	02	
Matara(21)	80334	61	52	01	29	(1) PS No 19 Pamburana Sariputhra Vidyalaya - UPFA Minister Chandrasiri Ghandheera and others were seen going in procession to the polling station.
Weligama(8)	86711	65	39	01	22	(1) PS No 51 Udukawa Junior School - at around 11.10 a.m. a UPFA Pradesiya Sabha Member together with a Buddhist Monk named Indrarathna were seen transporting voters to the polling station. A large group of UPFA supporters gathered near the polling station.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>580682</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>215</b>	
<b>HAMBANTHOTA DISTRICT</b>						
Mulkirigala(11)	93685	83	52	02	33	<p>(1) Athugoda Samurdi Bank, Walasmulla - Nihal Galappati complained that Ananda Ransinghe, a leading JVP supporter has been assaulted and intimidated by UPFA supporters about 10.15 a.m. near Athugoda Samurdi Bank.</p> <p>(2) PS No.43.Veedikanda Junior School - Cards bearing the betel leaf symbol was seen strewn in the vicinity of the polling station.</p>

Beliatta(13)	74473	73	61	11	62	<p>(1) PS No.41.Beliatta Pannananda Vidyalaya -MP, JVP Nihal Galappati complained that a group led by Bennet UPFA supporter, has threatened the voters to cast their vote for Mahinda Rajapaksa. The Police Constable assigned to the Polling Station intervened to settle the quarrel but the OIC Beliatta had removed the Police Constable after the incident.</p> <p>(2) PS No.59 Heendariya Junior School – CMEV mobile team reported that Propaganda leaflets and cards were seen strewn along the path leading to the polling station.</p> <p>(3) PS No 43 Beliatta Industrial Training Centre - Persons supporting UPFA were seen distributing cards bearing the betel leaf in the vicinity of the polling station.</p> <p>(4) PS No 32 Getamkanna MV South - UPFA supporters were seen treating the public &amp; voters to Kiribath. There were many persons who were non voters milling about the location.</p> <p>(5) PS No 35 Getamanna North Junior School - Many people were seen gathered at the entrance to the polling centre.</p> <p>(6) PS No 34.-Nayawatte Rajapaksa Vidyalaya. Many persons were seen milling around the polling station.</p> <p>(7) PS No 40 Kahawatta School - Two vehicles of <i>Nil Balakaya</i> displayed UPFA candidate's Poster on it was seen parked outside the polling station.</p> <p>(8) PS No.34 Nayakawatte Rajapaksa Vidyalaya - Many people were seen milling around the polling station.</p> <p>(9) PS No.50 Meegahawela Junior School- Members <i>Nil Balakaya</i> were seen near the polling station. Betel leaf symbol bearing cards were strewn on the floor.</p> <p>(10) PS No.70 Athgahamulla Junior School - Youth in the polling Station were seen displaying UPFA symbols and distributing UPFA propaganda materials.</p> <p>(11) PS No 21 Dhammulla Tertiary School - Small cards bearing the betel leaf were strewn in the vicinity of the polling station.</p> <p>(12) PS No.33 Hambantota Getamanna Vijaya MMV - A large number of people were seen milling around the polling station premises.</p>
Tangalle(14)	190199	90	64	05	66	<p>(1) PS No.74 Hadawinna Junior School - CMEV Monitor reported that many leaflets carrying the electoral symbol of UPFA, the Betel leaf were been distributed around the Polling Station about 2.00 p.m</p> <p>(2) PS No.35 . Aluthwewa Maha Vidyalaya - CMEV Monitor reported that about 100 UPFA hand outs were been distributed near the Polling Station about 2.45 p.m.</p> <p>(3) PS No.50-Gajanayakagama Junior School - DR Pradeepkumara was not allowed to enter the polling station by UPFA supporters even though he was to serve as Polling Agent for the NDF. He was arrested by police on an allegation of forcibly collecting ID cards..</p>

						<p>(4) PS No.46 Kotawaya Community Center-Duplicate ballot papers were strewn in the vicinity.</p> <p>(5) PS No.37 Binkama MV- Leaflets bearing the Betel leaf symbol were strewn in the vicinity.</p>
Tissamaharamaya(14)	143622	127	66	05	75	<p>(1) PS No.71 Yatalatissa Primary School - CMEV Monitor was not allowed to go inside the Polling Station. The Incident was been reported about 1.45 p.m.</p> <p>(2) PS No 46.Kotawaya Community Hall - CMEV Monitor reported that specimen ballot papers were scatterd around the Polling Station about 11.30 a.m.</p> <p>(3) PS No 53.Suruwirugama Community Hall - CMEV Monitor reported that some voters were been transported by tractors to the Polling Station about 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>(4) PS No 125 H/Kudagampatha Primary School - CMEV Monitor reported that a vehicle displaying a picture of Presidential candidate Mahinda Rajapakse was parked near the Polling Station about 3.30 p.m.</p> <p>(5) PS No42-Punyaloka Viharastanaya Preaching Hall- A large number of cards bearing the UPFA symbol was strewn near the premises.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>421186</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>845</b>	
<b>UVA PROVINCE</b>						
<b>ELECTORAL DIVISION</b>	<b>TOTAL No.OF REGISTERED VOTERS</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED WITH INCIDENTS</b>	<b>No. OF VOTERS AT POLLING STATIONS WITHOUT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS</b>	<b>SPECIAL COMMENTS</b>
<b>BADULLA DISTRICT</b>						
Mahiyangana(8)	85562	75	61	03	57	<p>(1) At about 1.30 p.m 52<sup>nd</sup> post, Beligalla, Dambana – A group of UPFA supporters of the Agricultural Ministry of the Uva Palath Sabahva led by Anura Vidanagamage, went to Mr Attanayake Mudiansalage Gunaratne's house and he and his wife were beaten. There have not got serious injuries .The Mahiyangana police confirmed the incident.</p> <p>(2) PS No 25 -.Dehigolla MV. Dehigolla - Large posters bearing the likeness of Sarath Fonseka were displayed in the vicinity of the polling station.</p> <p>(3) PS No 9 Meegahahena Junior School - The CMEV Monitor was not allowed to enter into the polling station by SPO.</p>

Viyaluwa(2)	48231	48	26	03	15	<p>(1) PS No.8 Soranathota MMV.Sujith Chandana Kumara complained that he was unable to vote because someone had impersonated him.</p> <p>(2) PS No.10 Meegahawela Vidyalaya –Meegahawela.The CMEV Monitor was barred from entering the polling station by the SPO.</p> <p>(3) PS 9- Thimbirigaspitiya Primary School. The CMEV Monitor was barred from entering the polling station by the SPO</p>
Passara(2)	60002	55	24	01	17	<p>(1) PS No 46 Kottal Bedda Vidyalaya Kottal Bedda Lunugala .–At about 2.00p.m. Ananda Silva (UPFA), who had brought foods for UPFA polling agents, had entered into an argument with UNP Member, Venukandan, and Venukandan has also been assaulted in the incident. The Lunugala police state that both parties have been produced at the police station and have settled the matter.</p>
Badulla(1)	51468	41	28	02	-	<p>(1) PS No.3 Andeniya Sri Gangarama Viharastanaya Preaching Hall. UPFA leaflets were strewn in the area of the polling station.</p> <p>(2) PS No. 30.Village Development Society Hall –UPFA leaflets were strewn on the floor.</p>
Hali –Ela(4)	63124	57	40	05	57	<p>(1) PS No.4 .Gavela Vidyalaya Gavela.At about 6.45 a.m.- Propoganda cards bearing the details of the NDF candidate were strewn in the vicinity of the polling station</p> <p>(2) PS No 4 Gavela Vidyalaya Gavela - At about 7.00a.m..The SPO refused permission for the CMEV Mobile Monitor to enter the polling station for observation purposes.</p> <p>(3) PS No.24 Rokathenna Tamil School - At about 8.20a.m. Propoganda cards bearing the likeness of the main candidates were strewn in front of the polling station.</p> <p>(4) PS No. 44 Glen Alpin Tamil School. Glen Alpin Estate - On the wall of the polling station15 posters bearing the likeness and symbol of Sarath Fonseka were pasted.</p> <p>(5) PS No18. Uva Highland Tamil School ,Uva Highland Estate – Propoganda cards bearing the symbol of both main candidates were strewn in the area.</p>
Uva – Paranagama(5)	59472	52	36	-	61	
Welimada(0)	68937	61	32	-	13	
Bandarawela(1)	77312	62	46	07	43	<p>(1) PS No.48 Heeloya Sumangala Vidyalaya - CMEV Monitor observed that a voter was unable to vote because someone had already voted on his behalf by impersonating him.</p> <p>(2) PS No 26 Konthahela Vidyalaya –Konthahela - A large number of posters of the NDF candidate was pasted within the 500 meter perimeter of the polling station.</p>

						<p>(3) PS No 3 &amp; 4 Kabillewala South Mahanama School Hall No1 &amp; Hall No 2-A large number of UPFA posters were pasted adjacent to these two halls.</p> <p>(4) PS No 8 Gona Motawa Watte Tamil School –Posters of both UPFA &amp; NDF candidates had been pasted on trees and lamp posts in the area adjacent to the polling Station.</p> <p>(5) PS No 15 Kande Arawa Rahula Vidyalaya - Duplicat ballot papers with the mark made for two major candidates were strewn in the area.</p> <p>(6) PS No.9 Paragaha Vidyalaya – Posters were placed closed to the polling station.</p> <p>(7) PS No 27 Mathatilla Vidyalaya - Posters were placed next to the polling station .The symbols of both main candidates were featured on the posters</p>
Haputale(1)	60706	56	26	03	02	<p>(1) PS No.42 .Walhaputhenna MMV - Leaflets of the NDF were seen strewn in the area .</p> <p>(2) PS No 51 Koslanda MMV- UPFA leaflets were strewn in the area</p> <p>(3) PS No2 Sri Dammanada MV- UPFA propaganda mattirials were strewn in the area.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>574814</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>265</b>	
<b>MONARAGALA DISTRICT</b>						
Bibila(3)	74692	75	57	-	109	
Moneragala(14)	96386	98	72	02	25	<p>(1) PS No87 Kirawanagoda Junior School - At About 1.25 p.m. UPFA Minister Kumara Siri Ratnayake of Uva Palath Saba and his supporters had parked his vehicle ( Vehicle No. 59-2041) in front of the polling station with a picture of Mahinda Rajapakse and had been seen talking to voters.</p> <p>(2) PS No.43.Hulandawa M MV - The SPD did not allow the CMEV observer to enter the polling station on the basis that he was not informed by the Elections Commissioner.</p>
Wellawaya(16)	129564	119	82	05	186	<p>(1) UPFA leaflets were distributed to people on either side of the Gamudawa- Sellakataragama Road road by a green Bajaj three wheel bearing the registration number QU-4747</p> <p>(2) PS No 38. Kiatharagama Janadhipathi National School Hall no 2.- At about 10.43 a.m. a van bearing registration number 25-8627 was seen transporting UPFA members to the polling station.</p> <p>(3) PS No 43 Mathika Matha Society Hall, Mailagama, Sella katharagama - Five threewheelers and one van was seen transporting voters to polling stations</p> <p>(4) PS No 56 Wehera yaya Junior School - A Samurthi Niyamaka was seen transporting elderly people to the polling station.</p>

						(5) PS No.56 –Veheyaya Junior School-Samurdhi Official Thilak was seen transporting voters to the polling station.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300642</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>320</b>	
<b>EASTERN PROVINCE</b>						
<b>ELECTORAL DIVISION</b>	<b>TOTAL No.OF REGISTERED VOTERS</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED</b>	<b>No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED WITH INCIDENTS</b>	<b>No. OF VOTERS AT POLLING STATIONS WITHOUT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS</b>	<b>SPECIAL COMMENTS</b>
<b>BATTICALOA DISTRICT</b>						
Kalkudah(3)	97135	91	63	04	11	<p>(1) PS No 56 BT/ Karungalichchola Sri Krishna Vidyalam - At about 6.55 a.m. Mr. Sivanesathurai ( Father of the Eastern Province Chief Minister) had told the Senior Presiding Officer of the polling Centre to conduct the polling peacefully and inform him if any assistance is required.</p> <p>(2) PS No 69 Central College - At about 10.55 a.m. SLMC supporter Mr. Mohamad Ismail was attacked by a group of UPFA supporters about 20m away from the Oddamavadi polling centre. He was admitted to the Manchola hospital.</p> <p>(3) PS No 56 BT/ Karungalaichchola Sri Krishna Vidyalam - At about 7.30 a.m. The Senior Presiding Officer (SPO) had managed to stop a 31 year old person who had tried to vote using the identity card of a 21 year old.</p> <p>(4) PS No 56 BT/ Karungalaichchola Sri Krishna Vidyalam - At around 7.20 a.m. A group of persons who had come in a three wheeler had given a polling card of another to a 64 year old woman and had asked her to vote on behalf of particular candidate. The woman had later informed the SPO that that card belongs to someone else and her card had misplaced.</p>
Batticaloa(5)	155537	137	12	-	04	
Paddirippu(1)	80972	86	47	01	-	(1) PS No 01.BT/ Thuraineelavanai Maha Vidyayam - At About 10.45 a.m. Polling cards were distributed by a group of people at Kanthi Amman Kovil Road, Thuraineelavanai and Pilleyar Kolvil, Thuraineelavanai near the Polling Centre .
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>333644</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>15</b>	

**DIGAMADULLA DISTRICT**

Ampara(17)	145479	153	76	06	159	<p>(1) PS No.21.A/Lihiniyagama Maha Vidyalaya - At About 8.15 a.m.there had been a long queue of 300 people and the delay had caused about 30 people to leave the premises without casting their vote. According to the SPO of the polling station the delay was caused because they had to check the temporary IDs of the people with the lack of staff at the polling centre.</p> <p>(2) PS No.151 A/ Damana Maha Vidyalaya -At about 10.40 a.m. since the Eastern Province Minister Wimalaweera Dissanayake was at Polling Centre , the police had not given permission for the CMEV Monitors to enter the premises. Therefore, the Monitor had to remain outside for about 15 minutes.</p> <p>(3) PS No 151 A/ Damana Maha Vidyalaya - At About 9.30 am: The Buddhist monk of Pokunuvita temple remaining within a distance of 50 meters from the Polling Centre, had tried to influence those who come to vote, to vote for President Mahinda Rajapakse. When the police had asked the monk to leave, he had been trying to influence the people in 200 meters away from the polling centre for about 1 ½ hours.</p> <p>(4) PS No 19 Lathpandura Vidyalaya - At about 10.19 a.m.Three (3) officials of the polling station have not reported for duty. As a result there was a long queue of about 350 people. In addition to his duties, the SPO had to assist the others in their duties. About 50m away from the polling station a group consisting of around 12 people gathered in an intimidating manner.</p> <p>(5) PS No 58 Ampara Kudahasgala Vidyalaya - At about 10.00 a.m. Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Maha Oya PS arrived in a cab and a van with another 10 people at Mr. A. M Gunadasa's shop and threatened to kill him saying that he was influencing people to vote for the Swan (Sarath Fonseka). Though Mr. Gunadasa insisted that he does not support any party, the group threatened and left, telling him to look forward to what is going to happen in the night. Voters were transported in these same 2 vehicles to the polling station.</p> <p>(6) Ps No 2 Bihirisorowwa - At about 12.05p.m. (Time reported to CMEV) The ARO had arrived at the polling station and had instructed the SPO not to give any information to the CMEV Monitor at the polling station. Even though the CMEV Monitor was at the polling station, no information was given to him.</p>
Sammanthurai(3)	71442	77	46	02	24	<p>(1) Town Hall in Sammanthurai - At about 1.40p.m. More than 4 UPFA supporters were attacked by SLMC Chairman Mr Mansoor near the Town Hall in Sammanthurai. They were admitted to the Sammanthurai hospital and Sammanthurai police confirmed that Mr Mansoor was arrested and produced before the Kalmunai Magistrate Court. The police officer at the Sammanthurai police station refused to give further information.</p> <p>(2) PS No 76 Akkaraipattu Technical College Akkaraipattu-A large number of polling cards were distributed to UPFA voters by a crowd of supporters. When the UPFA supporters saw CMEV Monitors they proceeded to tear up the remains polling cards</p>

Kalmunai(3)	66135	60	37	-	05	
Pottuvill(8)	137779	140	103	17	(1)	<p>(1) PS No 86 Al Kathirja Vidyalaya -2 persons in a motor bike (MT 0340) had distributed a set of polling cards to four women asking them to vote for presidential candidate Mahinda Rajapaksa. One out of these 4 women who had already cast her vote went to the Al Kathirja Vidyalaya polling station at around 2.40pm and voted again. JPO questioned these women as to why they were there while monitors were present.</p> <p>(2) PS No 79 Al Badur Vidyalaya (Al Siraj Akkaraipattu-Hall No.3) About 150 UPFA supporters were seen milling around the polling station when the CMEV Mobile Monitor arrived. It was then that the police constable began to move the crowd away. When they were departing they chanted that Sarath Fonseka had left the country before the election was concluded.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>420835</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>205</b>	
<b>TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT</b>						
Seruvila(3)	69047	87	58	01	114	<p>(1) PS No 42 Agrabodhi National school - At about 3.00 p.m.the SPO has not allowed temporary identity cards issued by the Elections department to be used by voters at the polling station in Kantale.</p>
Tricomalee(5)	86685	97	57	02	39	<p>(1) PS No 67 At about 12. 30 a.m. Three persons from the Karuna faction had forcibly taken the Identity Card of Mr. Gunasinghe Anandage who resided at No 67, Electricity Board Road in Trincomalee.</p> <p>(2) Ps No 3 Trincomalee Urban Council - At about 11.40 a.m.According to Mr. N. Krishnadas, the SPO of the polling station on Dockyard Road, UPFA PC member Ariyawathi Galapathi had declared that postal identity cards or any form of identification can be used at the polling station if party representatives are agreeable. The SPO had initially refused to allow this but had been instructed again by the Trincomalee ARO Vijaya Samarasinghe.</p>
Mutur	85401	94	57	01	25	<p>(1) PS No 42 Kiliveddi Maha Vidyalaya.A white van belonging to the Karuna Group was parked right outside the polling station. Earlier this very same van was used to publicize the betel leaf symbol in the area.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>241133</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>178</b>	
	<b>14,088,500</b>	<b>10,875</b>	<b>7,196</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>7,498</b>	



## Geographic Spread of Election Day Offences by Type

Date:26/01/2010

Major Incidents																							Minor Incidents							Remarks			
AREA / OFFENCE	Murder	Attempted Murder	Craveous Hurt	Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse of State Resources	Robbery	Ballot Stuffing	Systematic Impersonation	Small Scale Impersonation	Seizing Polling Cards	Polling Agent Related	Voter Related	Ballot Box Related	INK Issue	Election Official Related	Attempted Stuffing & Impersonation	Intimid. Presence	Election Monitor Related	Arson	Abduction	Major (Total)	Mischief	Threat	ID Issue	Damage to Property	Election Offence	Others	Minor (Total)	Total No of Incidents	Firearms Involved	Polling Centre Affected
Western																																	
Colombo			1										1				1						3				9		9	12	1		
Gampaha											1						1		3		1		6				9		9	15			
Kalutara																	1						1				4		4	5			
Sub Total (Western)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	22	0	22	32	1	0
Central																																	
Kandy				1	4	3					1			1			2		10				22				8		8	30	1		
Matale														3				12					15				8		8	23			
Nuwara Eliya											1						3		3				7				3		3	10			
Sub Total (Central)	0	0	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	25	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	19	0	19	63	1	0
North Western																																	
Kurunegala					3						1								1	2			7				2		2	9			
Puttalam					2												2		2				6		1		4		5	11			
Sub Total (Nor-West)	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	13	0	1	0	0	6	0	7	20	0	0
North Central																																	
Anuradapura																	2		1				3				4		4	7			
Polonnaruwa																			1				1		1		13		14	15			
Sub Total (Nor-Cen.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	17	0	18	22	0	0
Southern																																	
Galle						1					2			1					2				6				12	1	13	19	1		
Hambantota					2												1		5				8				15		15	23			
Matara														1					3				4				6		6	10			
Sub Total (Southern)	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	33	1	34	52	1	0
Uva																																	
Badulla					2						2						3		3				10				14		14	24			
Monaragala																	1						1				5		5	6			
Sub Total (Uva)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	19	0	19	30	0	0
Sabaragamuwa																																	
Ratnapura													1	1			1		1				4				7		7	11			
Kegalle					2	1							5						7				15				4		4	19			
Sub Total (Sabara)	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	11	0	11	30	0	0	
Northern																																	
Jaffna						4													5				9		1				1	10	4		
Wanni						3																3			1				1	4	3		
Sub Total (Nothem)	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	0	0	2	14	7	0	
Eastern																																	
Ratticala				1										1			1	1					4				2		2	6			
Trincomalee								1									2						3				1		1	4			
Digamadulla					1	1				2							2		4				10				2		2	12			
Sub Total (Eastern)	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	4	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	22	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	1	2	16	13	0	1	0	2	8	0	6	9	0	0	23	1	63	2	1	0	148	0	4	0	0	132	1	137	285	10	0

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Source: Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV)

## Table IX

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## Total Number of Incidents by Type (285)

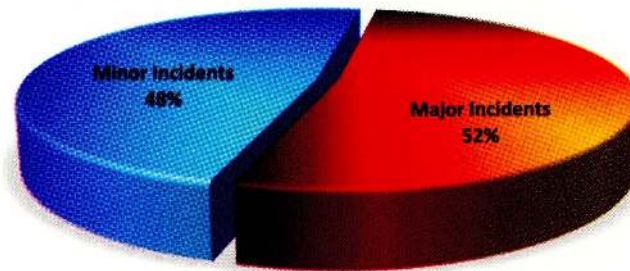


Figure 01

## Total Number of Incidents-Alleged Perpetrators by Party (285)

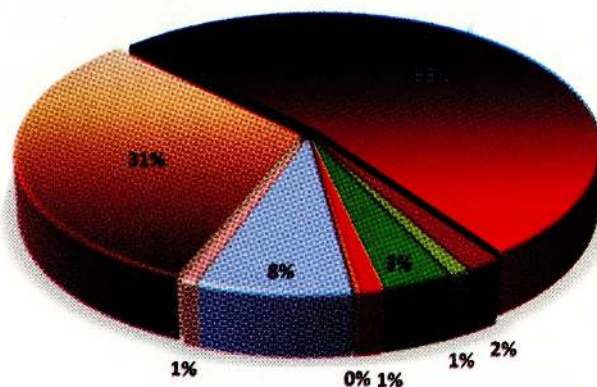


Figure 02

## Complaints Made by CMEV (240)

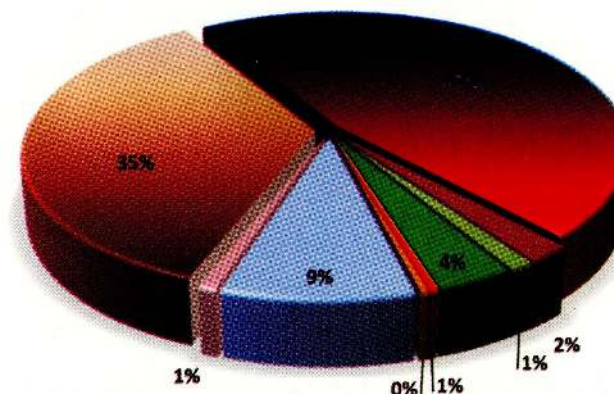


Figure 03

## Major Incidents by Type (148)

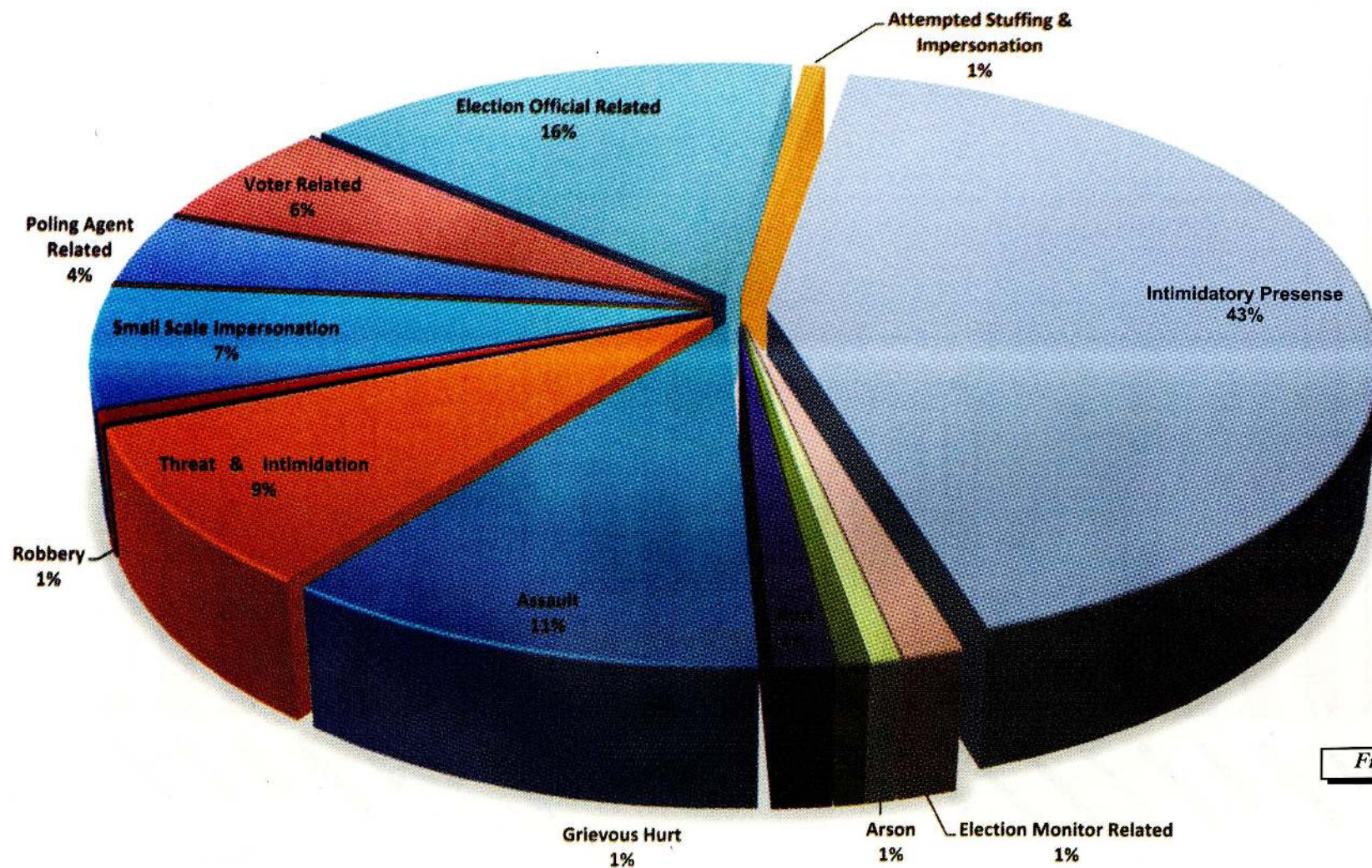


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## Total Incidents by District (285)

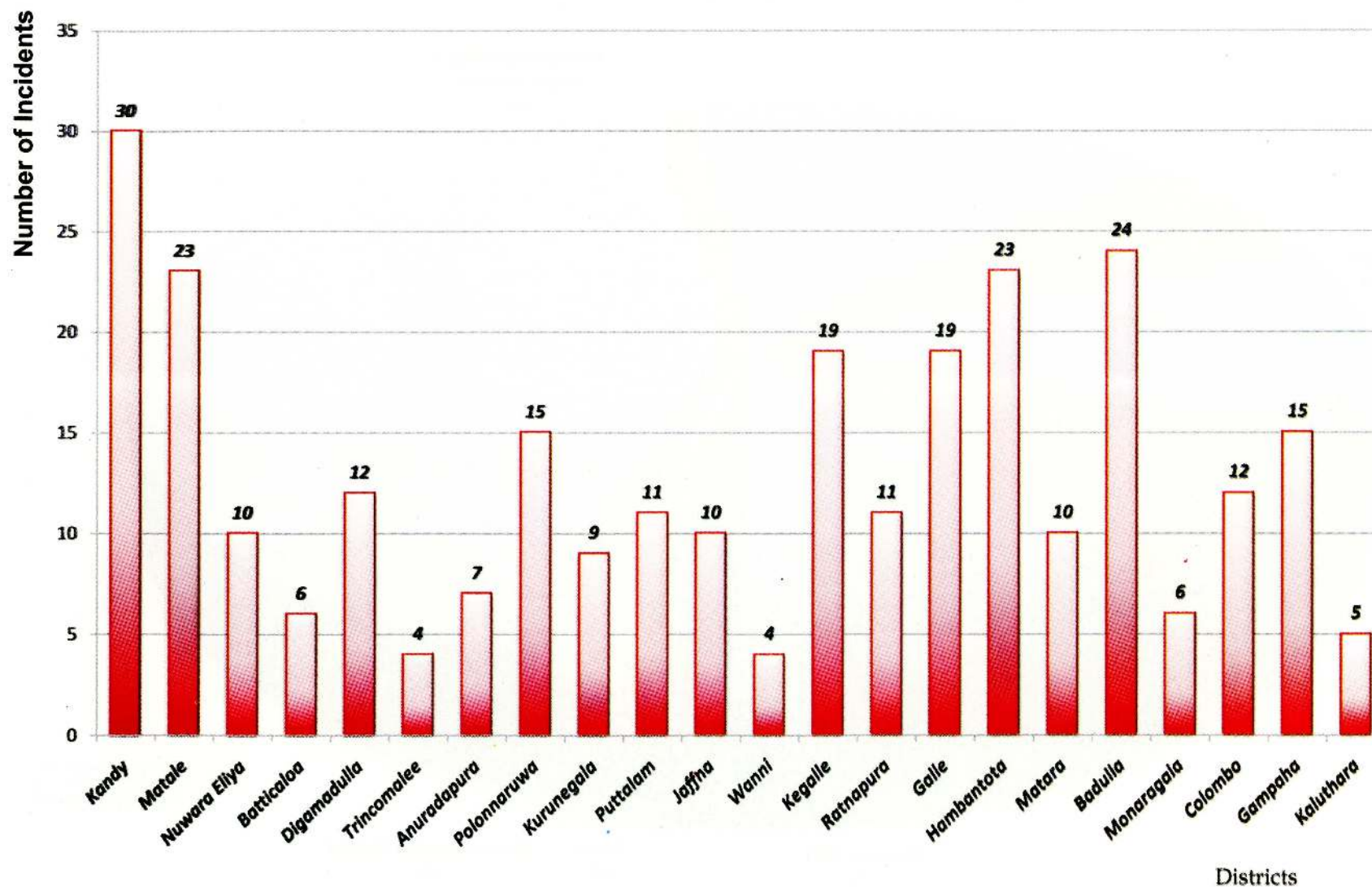


Figure 05

# POST ELECTION VIOLENCE

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Consequently, I am writing to request you to, as a matter of the utmost priority, publicly acknowledge and address voter concerns and doubts about the integrity of the electoral process and in particular, the process of counting and release of results, before you make the official announcement of the final result.

Please be assured of my cooperation

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,



DR. PAIKIASOTHY SARAVANAMUTTU

CO - CONVENOR

27<sup>th</sup> January 2010

## BY HAND, FAX & REGISTERED POST

Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake  
Elections Commissioner  
Department of Elections  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya

Dear Mr. Dissanayake,

I wish to bring to your urgent attention the concerns voiced by voters and shared by CMEV with regard to the counting process of votes in the 26 January 2010 Presidential Election and the announcement of the results.

In particular, we have received information regarding disruption of the counting process including physical assault of counting officers and agents of the principal opposition candidate in Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala and Matale. The informants insist on anonymity in the interests of their personal security and I am therefore, regrettably unable to furnish you with further details of their complaints and concerns at this moment.

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## Presidential Election – 2010

### Media Communiqué-01

#### Post Election Violence

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2010 Colombo Sri Lanka** CMEV continues to be concerned over the rising trend of post election violence, since the conclusion of the Presidential Polls on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2010. In the last 24 hour period, we have seen a doubling of the overall incidents of election violence – from 32 to 65, as well as that of Major incidents from 17 to 34.

The 34 Major incidents recorded as of today, include 15 cases of Assault, and 6 cases of Arson. The bulk of the complaints are against the UPFA. Forty one (41) out of an overall total of 65 incidents are against the UPFA. In terms of the geographical spread, of the 34 major incidents, the highest numbers have been recorded in the Kurunegala and Kandy Districts, with 6 and 5 incidents respectively.

We are particularly concerned, and as we reported yesterday, that complainants and victims continue to insist on anonymity on the

grounds of their personal security. We have also been told that there are more incidents than are being reported to us, for the same reasons. It is of the utmost importance that the aftermath of our first post war election does not sustain and propagate a culture of revenge, retaliation and violence.

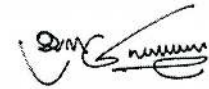
CMEV calls on the President, the political leadership of all parties, and the Police to deter, and take effective action against post election violence, which will only exacerbate divisions within the country illustrated by the election. The need of the hour is to ensure governance and respect for the rule of law, and reconciliation. Post election violence and political tension will only undermine this.

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## Presidential Election - 2010

### Media Communiqué-02

#### Post Election Violence

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 Colombo Sri Lanka** CMEV remains gravely concerned regarding the continued trend of post election violence, which is the highest seen when compared with the 1999 (76 incidents) and 2005 (39 incidents) Presidential Elections. The total number of incidents of post election violence recorded following the polls on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2010 stands at 85 incidents, of which 18 incidents have involved the use of firearms.

The 46 Major incidents recorded as of today, include 19 cases of Assault, 9 cases of Threat and Intimidation, 8 cases of Arson, and 5 cases of Grievous Hurt. The majority of complaints - 50 out of an overall total of 85 incidents, are against the UPFA, of which 29 are Major incidents. In terms of the geographical spread, of the 46 major incidents, the highest numbers have been recorded in the Kurunegala and Kandy Districts, with 10 and 5 incidents respectively.

CMEV remains concerned that as previously reported, complainants and victims continue to insist on anonymity on the grounds of personal security, adding that making complaints at the Police often leads to information regarding the complaint being relayed back to the assailants, resulting in further attacks. We also have reason to believe that there are many more incidents that are not reported even to us.

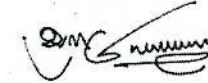
CMEV reiterates its call to the President, the political leadership of all parties, and the Police to deter their supporters from propagating post election violence, and to take necessary action in order to bring those responsible to book. The need of the hour is to ensure governance and respect for the rule of law, and reconciliation, which are only hindered by post election violence.

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2010 Presidential Election

Source: Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV)

## Geographic Spread of Post-Election Offences by Type

Date: [25/01/2010 - 31/01/2010]

	Major Incidents												Minor Incidents						Remarks		
AREA/OFFENCE	Murder	Attempted Murder	Grievous Hurt	Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse of State Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction	Major (Total)	Mischief	Threat	Damage to Property	Election Offence	Others	Minor (Total)	Total No of Incidents	Firearms Involved	Polling Cards Related Incidents	Postal Vote Related
Western																					
Colombo				1		1					2		1				1	3	1		
Gampaha			1		1	1			1		4		1	1		3	5	9	3		
Kalutara											0						0	0			
Sub Total (Western)	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	6	0	2	1	0	3	6	12	4	0	0
Central																					
Kandy	2				3						5						0	5	2		
Matale				1	3						4			1		1	2	6			
Nuwara Eliya					1						1						0	1			
Sub Total (Central)	2	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	1	2	12	2	0	0
North Western																					
Kurunegala			2			3		1	4		10	4	1	1			6	16	4		
Puttlam					1						1	1					1	2			
Sub Total (Nor-West)	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	1	4	0	11	5	1	1	0	0	7	18	4	0	0
North Central																					
Anuradapura					1						1						0	1	1		
Polonnaruwa					1						1	2					2	3			
Sub Total (Nor-Cen.)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	0
Southern																					
Galle			1								1	4	1	2			7	8	1		
Hambantota					1				1		2	2					2	4			
Matara					1	1					2						0	2	1		
Sub Total (Southern)	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	5	6	1	2	0	0	9	14	2	0	0
Uva																					
Badulla					1	2					3	3	3	1			7	10	3		
Monaragala			1	3							4			3			3	7	2		
Sub Total (Uva)	0	0	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	7	3	3	4	0	0	10	17	5	0	0
Sabaragamuwa																					
Ratnapura					1						1	1					1	2			
Kegalle									1		1	1					1	2			
Sub Total (Sabara)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0
Northern																					
Jaffna											0						0	0			
Wanni					1						1						0	1			
Sub Total (Nothorn)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Eastern																					
Batticaloa						2			1		3			1			1	4	1		
Trincomalee											0						0	0			
Digamadulla											0						0	0			
Sub Total (Eastern)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	2	0	5	5	16	10	0	1	8	0	47	18	7	10	0	4	39	86	19	0	0

## Alleged Pre-Election Offences by Party

Date: [25/01/2010 - 31/01/2010]

Perpetrators		Major Incidents										Major (Total)	Minor Incidents						Minor (Total)	GRAND TOTAL	Remarks		
		Murder	Attempted Murder	Grievous Hurt	Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse of State Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction		Mischief	Threat	Damage to Property	Election Offence	Others	Firearms Involved			Polling Cards Related Incidents	Postal Vote Related	
UPFA	UPFA	2		4	1	15	4		1	2	29	29	9	5	4		3	21	21	50	9		
	PA										0							0		0			
	SLFP										0							0		0			
	NFF										0							0		0			
	JHU										0							0		0			
	CP										0							0		0			
	LSSP										0							0		0			
	MEP										0							0		0			
	EPDP										0							0		0			
	NUA										0							0		0			
	NC										0							0		0			
	UNP-D										0							0		0			
	CWC										0							0		0			
	ACMC										0							0		0			
	UPF										0							0		0			
	SLMC-F										0							0		0			
NDF	DVJP										0	5						0	0				
	SLMP										0							0	0				
	UNP					1	1			2	4				3			3	7	2			
	JVP										0							0	0				
	SLMG--R										0							0	0				
	DPF										0							0	0				
	SLFP-M										0							0	0				
	NDF					1					1							0	1	1	1		
	NSH										0							0	0				
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INDI 5											0							0	0				
POLICE											0							0	0				
PNG				1	1	2	5			4	13	9	2	3		1	15	28	7				
CMEV											0						0	0					
EOR											0						0	0					
TOTAL		2	0	5	2	19	10	0	1	8	0	47	18	7	10	0	4	39	86	19	0	0	

**Date: [25/01/2010 - 31/01/2010]**

United Peoples' Freedom Alliance (UPFA)  
 Peoples Alliance (PA)  
 Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP)  
 Jathika Hela Ummatha (JHU)  
 Sri Lanka Communists Party (CP)  
 Lanka Sama Samaja Party (LSSP)  
 Mahajana Eksath Peramuna (MEP)  
 Ezalun Peoples Democratic Party (EPDP)  
 National Unity Alliance (NUA)  
 National Congress (NC)  
 United National Party (UNP-D) (Democratic Party)  
 Ceylon Worker's Congress (CWC)  
 All Ceylon Muslim Congress (ACMC)  
 Upeyavutti People's Front (LPF)  
 Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC-F)  
 Desha Vimukthi Jathika Party (DVJP)  
 Sri Lanka Mahajana Party (SLMP)  
  
 United National Party (UNP)  
 Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC-R)  
 Democratic People's Front (DPF)  
 Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP-M) (Mahajana wing)  
 National Development Front (NDF)  
 New Sinhala Heritage (NSH)  
 Ruhuna People's Party (RPP)  
 People's Liberation Solidarity Front (PLSF)  
 Our National Front (ONF)  
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 Jathika Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP)

## Total Number of Incidents by Type (86)

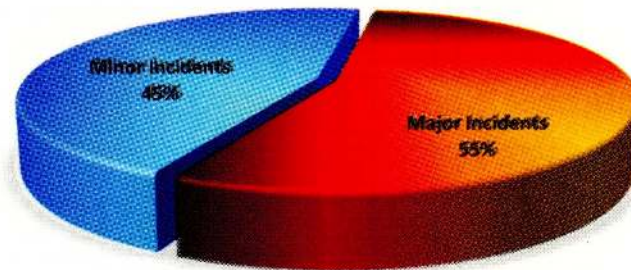


Figure 01

## Major Incidents by Type (47)

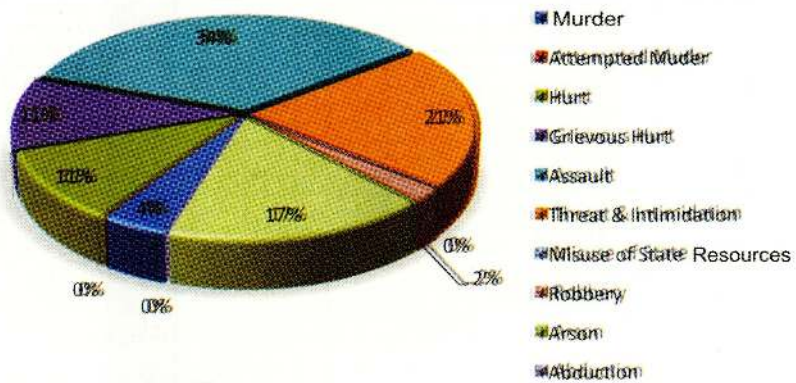


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## Minor Incidents by Type (39)

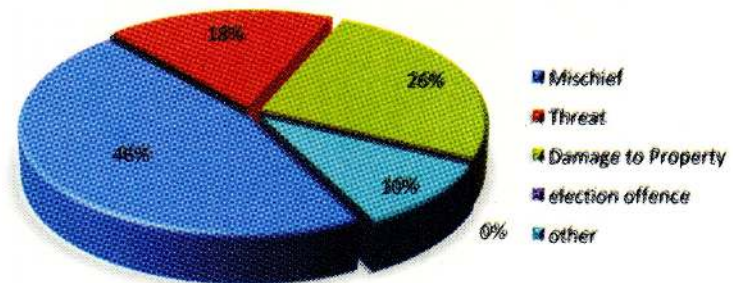
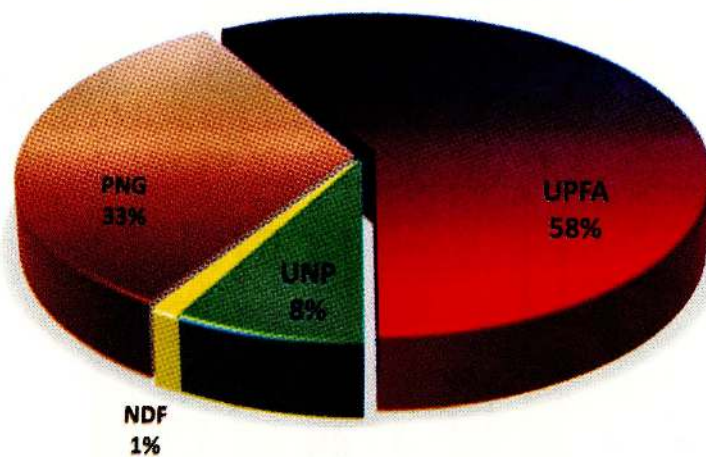


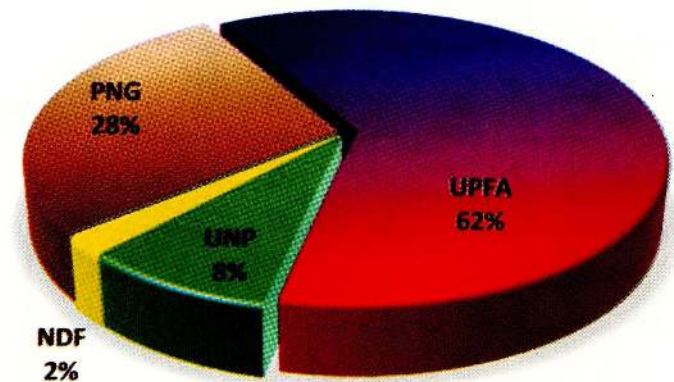
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**Total Number of Incidents-Alleged Perpetrators by Party (86)**



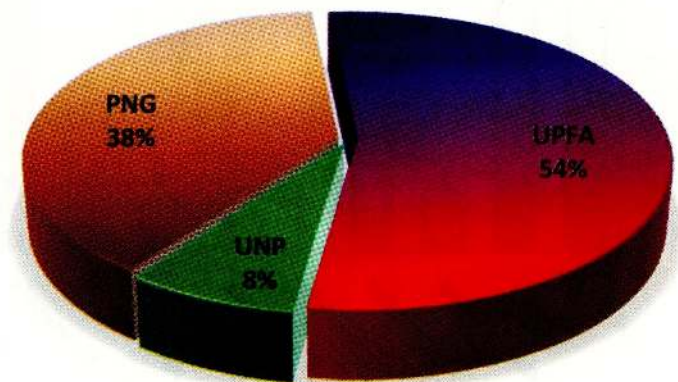
*Figure 04*

**Major Incidents-Alleged Perpetrators by Party (47)**



*Figure 05*

**Minor Incidents-Alleged Perpetrators by Party (39)**



*Figure 06*

## Total Incidents by Districts (86)

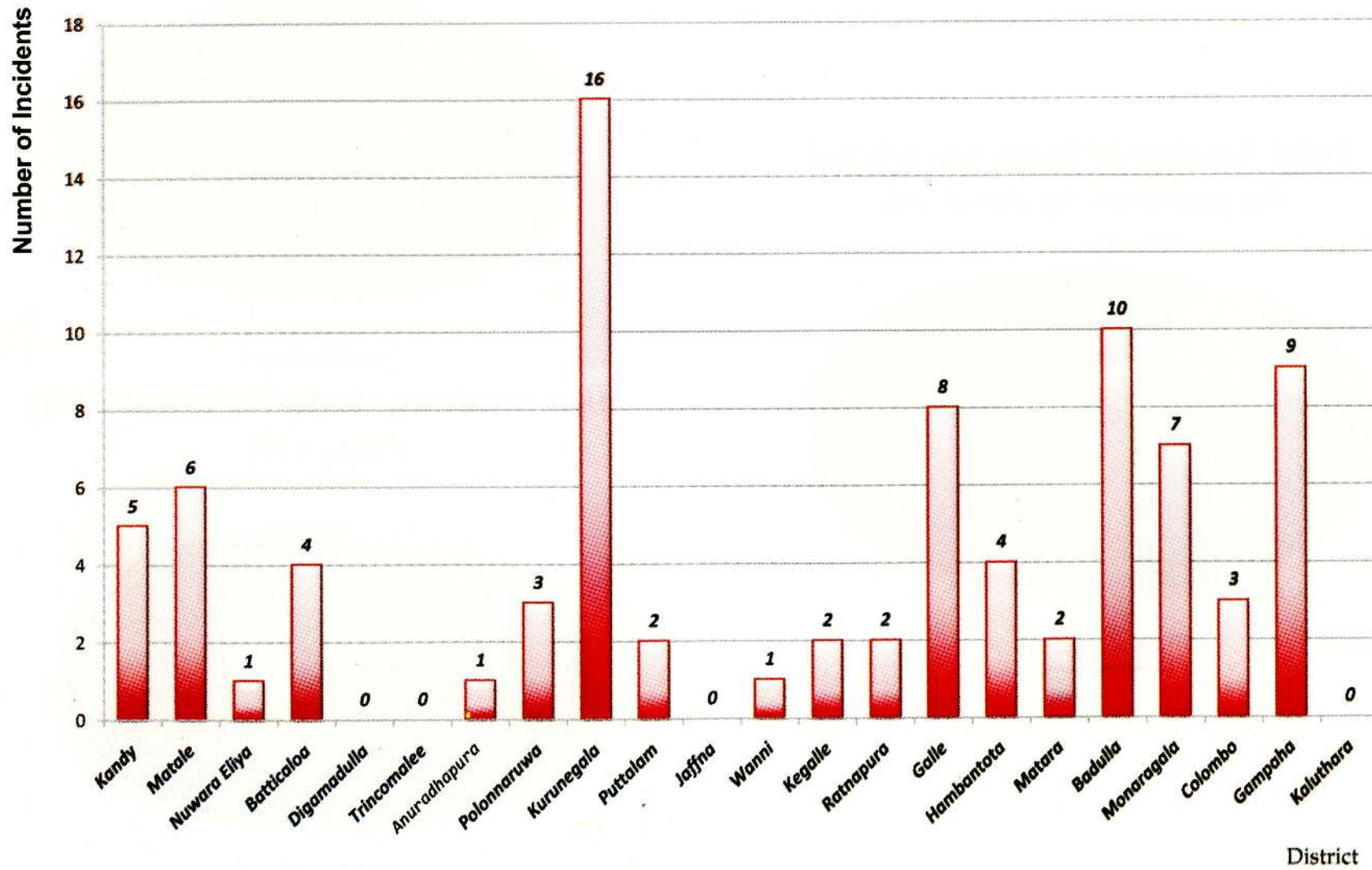


Figure 07



**KALAWEWA ELECTORATE:** Mr Wimal Dharmaweera was warded in Galnawa Hospital after having been grievously assaulted with a fire arm by Chairman of the local Pradeshiya Sabha.



**BENTHARA-ELPITIYA ELECTORATE:**  
an UPFA Campaign Office has been damaged.



**BIYAGAMA ELECTORATE:** At the Makola NDF(UNP) campaign office has been completely destroyed.



**BANDARAWELA ELECTORATE:** The main traffic circus at Bandarawela festooned with cutouts of the UPFA candidate.



**HINIDUMA ELECTORATE:** Injuries on the body of UPFA supporter Mr Jayatissa Abeyesundera after having sustained an assault by UNP supporters.

**POLNNARUWA ELECTORATE:** A large cutout of the Presidential Candidate is seen in the premises of the Provincial Council Ministry of Health North Central Province.



**EHALIYAGODA ELECTORATE:** The Ellawela Public Childrens Park which is owned by the Kuruwita Pradeshiya Sabha now festooned with cutouts depicting the UPFA candidate.





**KOLONNAWA ELECTORATE:**NDF (UNP) Supporter Chitra Dias who is currently the sitting chairman of the Urban Council sustained damage to his house by UPFA supporters.



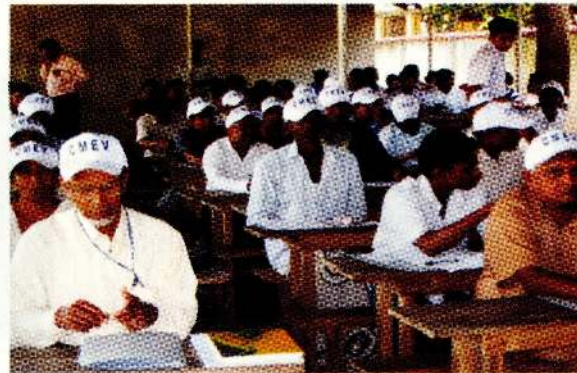
**HIRIYALA ELECTORATE:**12 Shops UPFA supporters, located in the Gokarella Town shopping area completely gutted by fire as a result of post election arson.



**ANURADHAPURA EAST:**A small bookshop & Communication Centre belonging to a UPFA member completely destroyed by petrol bombs.



**AMPARA DISTRICT:** CMEV voter education campaign with posters.



**ANURADHAPURA DISTRICT:** Election Day Observers undergoing training.



**POLONNARUWA ELECTORATE:**A vehicle belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture was destroyed after a clash between UPFA & NDF (JVP) supporters.



**AMPARA ELECTORATE:**A large hoarding of the Presidential candidate Mahinda Rajapaksa complete with the a smaller figure of the sponsor Rear Admiral Sarath Weerasekara who is yet a commander of the Civil Security Force, a government employee.

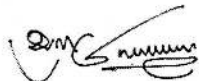
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