



CENTRE FOR MONITORING ELECTION VIOLENCE

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Presidential Election 2019 – Election Day Communique 2

Incidents on election day upto 1pm

- CMEV has received reports of two supporters of the New Democratic Front (NDF), Somasiri Bandara and Gamini Welagedara coercing voters to vote for Sajith Premadasa near Hall no. 1 & 2 in Girambe Sri Kemananda Maha Vidyalaya polling centre in Badulla district
- A group of people arrived in a Prado jeep without number plates and forced their entry into the Dolosbage Junior School polling centre located in Nawalapitiya, Kandy, at 11.35am. CMEV is following this incident.
- Supporters of NDF were reported to have been distributing green color wrist bands near the Daligoda polling centre located in Pattiyapola junior school in Tangalle, Hambanthota district.
- CMEV received reports that D.R Shantha of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), Deputy Chair of the Kataragama Pradeshiya Sabha, is influencing voters to vote for the SLPP, in the area close to the Detagamuwa Kanishta Vidyalaya polling centre, Wellawaya, in the Monaragala district.
- CMEV received reports that a NDF supporter was influencing voters to vote for NDF candidate Sajith Premadasa at the Peshakarma Building polling centre (No. 39) in Wellawaya, Monaragala district.
- CMEV received reports that UNP Pradeshiya Sabha MP Bandula Eriyama is exerting undue influence on voters entering Nakolagane Vidyalaya polling centre (No. 64) in Kurunegala district, asking them to vote for Sajith Premadasa.
- CMEV was informed of the distribution of forged ballot papers carrying the elephant symbol and flower bud symbol at around 10:45am today, at a house near Matale, Rattota, Polwaththakanda polling station (Polling centre no. 82)
- Party offices for NDF candidate Sajith Premadasa are still operating at Kegalle Ambanpitiya tea factory and Udunuwara.

- CMEV was informed that voters were being transported by SLPP supporters to the polling center (No. 39) at Peshakarma building in Kataragama by a Scooty bike bearing the number plate DG 1084.
- CMEV was notified that an individual was seen influencing voters to vote for the NDF candidate Sajith Premadasa near Polling Centre No. 57 at Al-Irshad School in Medagama, Bibile.
- CMEV was notified of the transportation of voters to Borapola Maha Vidyalaya polling centre (No. 78) by the SLPP organiser of Ampara Digamadulla electorate, using a DIMO lorry bearing the number plate SPPT-3184.
- CMEV was notified that a tense situation broke out due to a voter attempting to photograph the ballot paper after voting at Polling Centre no. 48, Sharipuththa Vidyalaya in Matale, Ratthota electorate
- CMEV has received reports that around 50 SLPP supporters are urging the voters heading to Hall No. 2 of Medawatte Tamil School polling centre in Walapane, Kandy, to vote for the SLPP candidate.

Facilities provided to and problems faced by Muslim voter residing in Puttalam traveling to Mannar to vote

In Communique 1, CMEV raised the incident where Muslim voters traveling from Puttalam to Mannar were prevented from traveling due to several obstacles including burnt tires, pelting of stones and being shot at.

CMEV has raised this incident with the Election Commission (EC). CMEV is now informed of a large number of voters being stranded without means of transport for return, due to EC directives for them to remain until 4:00PM for transport.

CMEV is concerned with the incident to prevent these voters from exercising their franchise and also the lack of proper facilities provided by the authorities to facilitate this.

It is unfortunate that the authorities were unable to have services in place to ensure voters were not stranded for hours without being able to return to their present place of residence. CMEV has over the years raised the need to take all steps to ensure all voters are able to exercise their franchise.

Election-Related Violations (By Type)

Presidential Election 2019

Update #2 – 7:00AM-01:00PM

Violation Type	Number
Assaults	2
Bribery/Treating	2
Election office related	4
Election offences	23
Illegal Campaigning	47
Illegal Offices	1
Posters and Cutouts	7
Intimidation/Influencing	40
Misuse of state resources	2
Offering goods	1
Others	3
Poll Agent Related	3
Public officers campaigning	1
Intimidation	1
TOTAL	139



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Election-Related Violations (By District)

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Update #2 – 7:00AM-01:00PM

Violation Type	Number
Anuradhapura	10
Badulla	3
Batticaloa	1
Colombo	6
Digamadulla	4
Galle	1
Gampaha	13
Hambanthota	10
Jaffna	2
Kaluthara	8
Kandy	8
Kegalle	7
Kurunegala	9
Matale	7
Matara	15
Moneragala	10
Nuwara Eliya	3
Puttalam	13
Ratnapura	2
Trincomalee	3
Vanni	4
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Election-Related Violations (By Party)

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Update #2 – 7:00AM-01:00PM

Party		Number
	Sri Lanka Podu Jana Peramuna (SLPP)	91
	New Democratic Front (DNF)	31
	National People's Power (NPP)	1
	Party not determined	7
	Government Official	9
TOTAL		139



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