

**Final Report  
on Election Related Violence**

# **Provincial Council Election**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) commenced its monitoring for the Central and North Western Provincial Council Elections on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2009. CMEV focused its monitoring on election related malpractices, irregularities and incidents of electoral violence in three phases:

1. Campaign
2. Polling Day
3. Post election violence

CMEV monitoring is founded on the belief that the electoral process is the basic mechanism for choice and change in a functioning democracy. Furthermore, political parties bear a responsibility for protecting the integrity of the electoral process through their choice of candidates and electoral practices. Individual candidates, likewise. Accordingly, the integrity of the electoral process is of pivotal importance for the legitimacy of the governance and government that it produces. Electoral violence and malpractice and discrimination in favor of any political party or section of the electorate will erode public trust and confidence.

The basic modus operandi of CMEV is the deployment of monitors in the field attached to each of the relevant Polling Divisions in a District. They report back to the CMEV Secretariat for the further corroboration of information pertaining to electoral violence and malpractice. The Secretariat releases the information to the public through the media after this further process is completed.

Overall, in the elections to the two Provincial Councils, there was a sizeable decrease in the number and nature of incidents, especially on Election Day. There were however, a number of incidents reported during the campaign that adversely affected the environment for conducting a free and fair election.

In these two elections, the highest number of complaints related to the disenfranchisement of voters on account of the lack of proper identification documents. This was also the case in the previous provincial council elections- the Eastern Provincial Council Election held on 10<sup>th</sup> May and North Central and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Election held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2008.

CMEV consistently highlighted the issue and the importance of taking steps to rectify it. The problem however

has persisted. Other issues identified are the misuse of public resources and biased print and electronic media coverage - mainly by the State media.

This has become a common feature of elections held in Sri Lanka and is yet another reinforcement of the argument constantly advanced by CMEV regarding the urgency of the full implementation of the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

CMEV believes that the establishment of independent commissions for the Police, the Public Service and Elections amongst others provided for by this amendment, is necessary for the protection of the integrity of the electoral process.

The Commissioner of Elections acted decisively in response to malpractices being confirmed at one Polling Station. The Commissioner declared the results of No. 47 Polling Station at P/ Nayakkarchenai Tamil Vidyalya in the Puttalam Polling Station (Puttalam District) null and void and ordered a re-poll in that station. CMEV welcomed the decision of the Commissioner of Elections and reiterates that it will serve as a strong precedent and effective deterrent against future electoral irregularities and malpractice. CMEV deployed a special team to monitor the re-poll and recorded 12 incidents of election related violence on the day of the re poll.

## **Introduction**

The Provincial Council Elections for the Central and North Western Provinces were held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009. They were won by the UPFA which polled 59.53% of the votes in the Central Province and 69.43% of the votes in the North Western Province. Consequently the UPFA obtained 36 of the 58 seats in the Central Provincial Council and the UNP got 22 seats. In North Western Province, the UPFA obtained 37, the UNP 14 seats and the JVP 01 seat. Voter turnout in both provinces was 60%.

The two Provincial Councils were dissolved on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2008 before their respective terms expired. The reason for the dissolution advanced by the Governors of the respective Provinces was that the Councils were unable to function or carry out programmes because of a lack of a clear legislative majority in support of the executive.

The elections were held against the backdrop of the war against the LTTE. The ruling UPFA coalition insisted on the importance of this, of the military campaign being at a crucial stage and of receiving a renewed mandate to bring the war to a successful conclusion. The opposition UNP on the other hand focused on the economy and on provincial development issues. The election campaign was also fought in the

aftermath of the breakup of the JVP into two factions and the subsequent allegations and counter-allegations that followed.

## **Methodology**

Throughout the campaign period, CMEV deployed 42 monitors in the electoral divisions of the two provinces. On Election Day, CMEV deployed 650 stationary monitors and 57 mobile monitoring teams, in the areas identified as “prone to violence”. CMEV monitored 1295 (51%) Polling Stations out of the total number of 2541 Polling Stations in the two provinces.

CMEV also monitored the Postal Vote which was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2009. This took place across 941 Polling Centres in both provinces. Of this number, CMEV monitors observed the postal vote in 187 Polling Centres.

## **Issues and Incidents**

### **a) Campaign**

During the campaign, CMEV recorded a cumulative total of 120 incidents of which 70 have been classified as major and 50

as minor. Though a relatively lower level of incidents of election related violence was seen in the Central province, the North - Western province showed an escalation in incidents at the end of the campaign [Refer chart 01 for Pre and Election Day related incidents].

### **b) The Election Day**

On Election Day, CMEV received 175 complaints of election violence. However, major incidents of physical violence were not reported on Election Day. A significant issue that has been reported from a number of polling stations was that of voters being unable to exercise their right to vote as they were not in possession of the required identification documents.

#### **b.1) Deprivation of Vote due to Lack of Identification**

The Election Secretariat informed the public that in addition to the National Identity Card (NIC), voters could produce passports, postal IDs, valid driving licenses and railway season tickets. Temporary identification documents authorized by the Divisional Secretariats, Bhikku IDs and Senior Citizen IDs issued by the Social Services Department were also to be considered as valid documentation for voter identification purposes.



Though the Elections Secretariat had instructed all Assistant Returning Officers (ARO) and SPOs at Polling Stations not to allow any person to vote who did not present an authorized identity document, this was not effectively communicated to the election officials at Polling Stations. As a consequence, a large number of voters were deprived of their right to vote, recognized under Article 14(1) (g) of the Constitution – the right to freedom of speech and expression including publication. (Refer pg. for the incidents relating to identity reported on the Election Day.)

### c) The Media

The media has a crucial role in providing voters with the information they require to make informed choices. Accordingly, the Election Commissioner issued a list of ethical standards to be adhered to by the media. Sadly however, adherence to these standards was, by and large, not forthcoming.

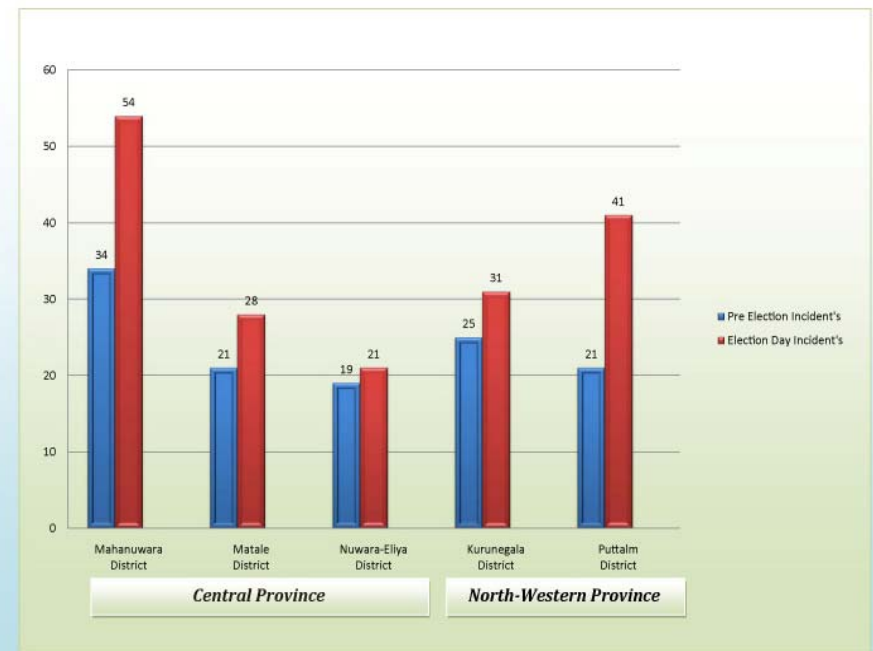
### Statistics

CMEV focused its monitoring on election related malpractices, irregularities and incidents of electoral violence in two phases:

- a. In the run-up to Polling Day
- b. Election Day

Chart 01 below depicts the incidents of (a) and (b) above. There were no reported and confirmed cases under the post election phase.

**Chart 01 Comparison of Pre- Election and Election Day Violence**



## **Observations and Recommendations**

1. The high percentage of disfranchisement of voters could be on the one hand, due to the ignorance of public regarding the identification documents and on the other, the inefficiency and the irresponsibility of the Government officials, particularly the Divisional Secretariats, made the problem more complicated.

Most of the Plantation Tamil community relied on the temporary IDs authorized by the *Grama Sevaka* but ultimately found that they could not exercise their vote without the authorization of the Divisional Secretariat.

Therefore the public and also the government officials must be properly and specifically informed on the procedures agreed upon with regard to Voter Identification requirements in order to avoid the repetition of the problem in future.

2. CMEV continuously highlighted the issue of misuse of public property and urged the Election Commissioner and IGP to arrest the situation which could directly affect the outcome of the poll, but no effective measures were taken against it.

CMEV urges the Election Commissioner to consider this as a matter of urgency and to exercise the full gamut of powers vested in him to protect the integrity of poll.

3. The Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution heralded as a measure taken to strengthen the framework for good governance through the establishment of the independent commissions must be implemented forthwith. This entails the appointment of members to the vacant positions in the Constitutional Council and the establishment of independent commissions for the Police, Elections and the Public Service amongst others. By facilitating the independence of the officials and agencies of the State charged with responsibilities in the conduct of elections, the establishment of the commissions will go a long way in ensuring the integrity of the electoral process.
4. Given the charges of bias leveled against the state owned and controlled media during the campaign, it was regrettable that the election commissioner's actions against it were ineffective. According to the 17<sup>th</sup> amendment empowers the commissioner to control the media and CMEV urges the commissioner to proactively employ the powers in the course of the campaign as the guidelines are not strictly adhered in most of the instances

# **Annexure**

**ELECTION DAY INCIDENTS-SUMMARY BY POLLING DIVISION**  
*Central Province*

**Mahanuwara District**

	Polling Division	Total Number of Registered Voters	Total Polled (Rejecte)	Total Number of Polling Centers	No of polling centers monitored	No of polling centers monitored with incidents	Incidents in brief
1	Galagedara	52169	34,130 (1,399)	44	34	03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At around 7.30am at the Deniyaya Central College Polling Centre, a tense situation arouse due to the arrogant behavior of a JVP supporter. ASP was called to inquire into the situation(<b>Polling Centre No 29</b>)</li> <li>• At around 8.00am a member of the CMEV mobile team reported that model ballot papers were distributed near the Madegama Kanishata Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No 02</b>)</li> <li>• At 4.00pm hand bills of Evindra Lohan Rathwaththe, UPFA candidate, (candidate no 18 )were distributed around the Polling Station at the Preaching Hall of Galiyawa Vihara(<b>Polling Centre No 06</b>)</li> </ul>
2	Harispattuwa	145752	96,070	101	45	05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At around 9.00am the CMEV monitor reported</li> </ul>

			(4,587)				<p>that 04 voters could not cast their vote due to not having required identification documents at the Pradeshiya Sabha Office, Thiththapajjala <b>(Polling Centre No 26)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 8.10am 02 voters were not allowed to cast their votes due to the absence of required identification documents at Nugawela Boys Central College <b>(Polling Centre No 22)</b></li> <li>• At 8.30am 03 voters were not allowed to cast their votes due to the reason that they didn't have required identification documents in their possession at Nugawela Boys Central College Hall No 02 <b>(Polling Centre No 23)</b></li> <li>• At 11.00am a voter was not permitted to cast his vote, telling that the driving license is not an acceptable identification document at Neerella Muslim Maha Vidyalaya, Melchena <b>(Polling Centre No 82)</b></li> <li>• at 11.00am a voter was not permitted to cast his vote telling that the driving license is not an acceptable identification document at Zahira Muslim Maha Vidyalaya, Akurana <b>(Polling Centre No 77)</b></li> </ul>
3	Pathadumbara	76751	50,494 (3,057)	53	28	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a group of UNP supporters were allegedly chased away from the Udakumbura Rajasinghe</li> </ul>

							<p>Maha Vidyalaya(<b>Polling Centre No 43</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at 4.30pm near the Panwila Rajasinghe Maha Vidyalaya,Udakumbura a man was found to be disturbing and acting aggressively towards his wife, who was denied to cast her vote due to submission of an unacceptable identification document(<b>Polling Centre No43</b>)</li> </ul>
4	Udadumbara	54923	35,242 (1,947)	50	35	NIL	
5	Teldeniya	44057	30,275 (1,881)	41	19	03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CMEV monitor reports that the vote of Kadirawelu(NIC NO:756444360V) had been allegedly cast by an imposter at Dukhinna Maha Vidyalaya(<b>Polling Centre No 29</b>)</li> <li>At around 8.30am CMEV monitor reported that an unidentified group gathered near the polling station created a panic situation among the voters at Dunhinna Maha Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No 29</b>)</li> <li>At around 12.40pm 08 voters who came with the Polling Cards alone, were not allowed to cast their votes as they had not brought any required identification documents at Abesinghe Junior Vidyalaya, Watapana Hall No 02(<b>Polling Centre No 31</b>)</li> <li>At 2.30pm 05 voters were not allowed to cast</li> </ul>

							their votes due to the reason of not having any required identification documents at Teldeniya National School, Wil-Amuna( <b>Polling Centre No 33</b> )
6	Kundasale	84371	56,523 (2,476)	42	29	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 8.10am CMEV monitor reported that 09 voters were not permitted to cast their votes as they did not submit required identification documents at Weerawikum Junior School(<b>Polling Centre No 16</b>)</li> <li>• 04 voters could not cast their votes due to not holding required identification documents at Theldeniya Muslim Vidyalaya - Hall No 01 (<b>Polling Centre No 37</b>)</li> <li>• At around 7.30am a group of UNP supporters had distributed UNP propaganda hand outs in a vehicle belongs to UNP(<b>Polling Centre No 06</b>)</li> <li>• At around 9.10am a vehicle covered in posters of UPFA candidate Amarathunga Sunil Kithsiri(candidate no 05), was seen roaming around the Kalapurya Design Centre (<b>Polling Centre No 09</b>)</li> <li>• At around 8.50am UPFA candidate Amarathunga Sunil Kithsiri (candidate no 05)</li> </ul>

							<p>was observed asking voters to vote for him within the vicinity of Arangala Junior School <b>(Polling Centre No 08)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 8.30am 02 UNP Polling Agents had to leave from the polling station due to the undue Influence at Wawinna Junior School, Ihalamulla<b>(Polling Centre No 03)</b></li> <li>• At around 12.25pm 08 voters were not permitted to cast their votes since they didn't have required identification documents with them at Kengalla Maha Vidyalaya<b>(Polling Centre No 34)</b></li> <li>• at 11.10am 10 voters were not permitted to cast votes due to the reason that they didn't have required identification documents with them at Kapila Senevirane Mahanuware Model School (Secondary School) Pallegunnepana <b>(Polling Centre No 20)</b></li> <li>• at 11.20am 06 voters were not permitted to cast their votes as they had temporary Identity Cards certified by the Grama Niladari which is not an acceptable document for casting <b>(Polling Centre No 35)</b></li> <li>• at 12.50pm 20 voters were not allowed to cast their votes at Rajawella Tamil National School</li> </ul>
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							<p>as they had temporary identification documents certified by the Grama Niladari and Service IDs which are not acceptable documents for casting(<b>Polling Centre No 42</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 1.35pm 05 voters who were only having the Polling Cards and not having required identification documents were not permitted to cast their votes at Pre School Building in premises of Sri Sumanarama Viharaya, Aluthwatta (<b>Polling Centre No 38</b>)</li> <li>• At 1.35pm 07 voters were not permitted to cast their votes due to the reason of not having required identification documents at Preaching Hall of Sri Sumanarama Viharaya, Aluthwaththa (<b>Polling Centre No 39</b>)</li> <li>• At 3.45pm 13 voters who were only having a photograph certified by the Grama Niladari, which is not an acceptable document for casting, were not permitted to cast their votes at Udagama Maha Vidyalaya, Maharagammedda (<b>Polling Centre No 21</b>)</li> </ul>
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7	Hewaheta	64133	42,577 (2,674)	47	33	03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 8.05am CMEV monitor reported that around 1000 leaflets messaging the voters to cast their vote to UPFA were allegedly distributed around the Nugaliyadda Maha Vidyalaya <b>(Polling Centre No 24)</b></li> <li>• at 9.10am CMEV monitor reported that leaflets messaging the voters to cast their vote to the JVP were allegedly distributed around the Nugaliyadda Maha Vidyalaya <b>(Polling Centre No 24)</b></li> <li>• at 11.30am few UNP supporters were chased away by an unidentified group at Haputale Maha Vidyalaya Hall No 01<b>(Polling Centre No 23)</b></li> <li>• at 11.00am 03 UNP supporters have been intimidated by an unidentified group who were hanging around the Polling Station and the CMEV moniator to Hewaheta reported about three incidents of impersonation of votes at Murapola Viharaya,Kolabissa and Nawaneliya Junior School, Kolabissa <b>(Polling Centre No 36 &amp; 37)</b></li> </ul>
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8	Senkadagala	71886	46,339 (1,696)	42	16	03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at around 8.10am CMEV monitor reported that one voter was not permitted to cast his vote due to not holding required identification documents at Mahamaya BalikaVidyalaya, Senior Section (<b>Polling Centre no 14</b>)</li> <li>• A group holding placards displaying the preference no of the UNP candidate S. B Dissanayake (Candidate no 15) were seen campaigning on Dhumpitiya Road, Senkagadala</li> <li>• At 9.30am 04 voters were not permitted to cast their votes since they didn't have required identification documents at Mawilmada Maha Vidyalaya Hall No 02 (<b>Polling Centre No 02</b>)</li> <li>• At 12.15pm 04 voters were not permitted to cast their votes since they only had the temporary Identity Card certified by the Gramha Niladari which is not an acceptable document for casting at Siddarta Maha Vidyalaya, Pollwattagama (<b>Polling Centre No 34</b>)</li> </ul>
9	Mahanuwara	36702	23,577 (711)	25	19	02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 02 voters have not been permitted to cast their votes due to not holding required identification documents at Kingswood College, Kandy(<b>Polling Centre No 04</b>)</li> <li>• at 12.45 afternoon few hand bills were distributed around the Mahanama Maha</li> </ul>

							<p>Vidyalaya exhibiting the preferential numbers of UNP and UPFA candidates(<b>Polling Centre No 02</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at 12.45pm a three-wheeler was seen distributing hand bills exhibiting the preferential number 26 of UPFA Candidate near Kingswood College (<b>Polling Centre No 04</b>)</li> </ul>
10	Yatinuwara	76262	50,339 (2,020)	51	41	07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CMEV monitor reported that leaflets of UNP candidate no 25 were allegedly distributed among voters at Sri Wiwekarama Preaching Hall(<b>Polling Centre No 21</b>)</li> <li>At 11.10am the UNP Candidate, Hapugoda Ranhawadi Gedara Chanpika Nilantha(candidate no 33) was found around the Polling Station, explaining some of the voters how to cast votes at Pelawa Ihalameda Sahana Welfare Society Hall, Pelawa Ihalameda(<b>Polling Centre No 08</b>)</li> <li>At 12.30pm few hand bills were distributed at Urapola Susila Junior Schoolexhibiting the preferential numbers 24 &amp; 25 (<b>Polling Centre No 24</b>)</li> <li>At 12.45pm 10 voters were not permitted to cast their votes since they didn't have required identification documents at Kadugannawa</li> </ul>

							<p>Central College, Kotabogoda (<b>Polling Centre No.25</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 11.50am 05 voters were not permitted to cast their votes because they were only having Polling cards and not having required identification documents at Kadugannawa Central College(<b>Polling Centre No 47</b>)</li> <li>• At 12.50pm 08 voters were not allowed to cast their votes due to the reason of not having required identification documents at Kobbekaduwa Junior School (<b>Polling Centre No 10</b>)</li> <li>• At 12.45pm 10 voters were not allowed to cast their votes due to the reason of not having required identification documents at Kadugannawa Central College( <b>Polling Centre No25</b>)</li> <li>• At 3.00pm the vehicle of UPFA candidate, A.G.Sirisena bearing number CP-PA 6435 was found to be parked near the Balana Junior School (<b>Polling Centre No 36</b>)</li> <li>• at 12.50pm 08 voters were turned away due to not having required identification documents at Kobbekaduwa Junior School Kobbekaduwa(<b>Polling Centre No 10</b>)</li> </ul>
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11	Udunuwara	75994	49,812 (2,048)	55	26	05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at around 8.30am CMEV monitor reported that a voter was turned away due to disparity of numbers on the identity card with the polling card at Udunuwara Cultural Centre, Kotakedeniya(<b>Polling Centre No 19</b>)</li> <li>• A supporter of UNP candidate Ariyasena Jayawardhana (candidate no 16) reported that around 30 voters could not cast their votes due to discrepancies related to identification at K/Denu Arawwawala Primary School, Arawwawala(<b>Polling Centre No 30</b>)</li> <li>• At 9.30am around 50 voters were unable to cast their votes because of not having required identification documents in their possession at Watupola Rural Development Society Hall, Watupola(<b>Polling Centre No 16</b>)</li> <li>• At 3.10pm 10 voters were not permitted to cast their votes due to the reason of not having required identification documents at K/Denu Wattapola Primary School, Wattapola (<b>Polling centre No 55</b>)</li> <li>• 3.30pm police officers have dispersed the supporters of UPFA candidate Wilson Kurppuarachchi, (candidate number 23) who were acting in an arrogant manner at Udunuwara Cultural Centre,</li> </ul>
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							<b>Kotakedeniya(Polling Centre No 19)</b>
12	Gampola	89422	58,137 (3,174)	59	21	02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMEV monitor reported at 10.25am some of the voters at Rajakalawa and Udagama were disturbed by some unidentified groups.</li> <li>• At 11.50am 04 voters were not permitted to cast their votes as they had an identity card issued by the CTB which is not an acceptable document at Saraswatie Central Collage, Wadugapiyiya <b>(Polling Centre No 36)</b></li> <li>• At 3.40pm nearly 60 UNP Supporters who have arrived to cast their votes were intimidated by the supporters of the UPFA Candidates, Nissanka Herath and Ananda Aluthgama. Police Election monitoring mobile of Pussallawa Police Station bearing number 61-5678, has arrived the place but has not intervened in the incident. When the CMEV referred the matter to Pussallawa Police Station they reported that they too received a phone call through 119 about the matter and observed that there's no such an incident occurred in the place and also refused in any connection of them to the vehicle arrived there at Atabage Ihalagama Junior School <b>(Polling Centre No 35)</b></li> </ul>

13	Nawalapitiya	82686	53,020 (3,818)	57	21	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 8.15am, an unidentified group has obstructed the voters who have come to cast their votes at Induru Oya Central Collage(<b>Polling Centre No 50</b>)</li> </ul>
	Total	955,108	643,617 (with postal votes) (31,829)	667	367	46	56



## Matale District

	Polling Division	Total Number of Registered Voters	Total Polled (Rejected)	Total Number of Polling Centers	No, of polling centers monitored	No, of polling centers monitored with incidents	Special Comments
1	Dambulla	117788	71,161 (4,785)	97	53	07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At around 7.50am a voter who had a photograph certified by the GS wasn't allowed to cast his vote as it is not an acceptable identification documents at Millawana Government Maha Vidyalaya, Millawana Ihalagama, said SPO, Mr.Ranjith Wijesiri Silva(<b>Polling Centre No 16</b>)</li> <li>• At around 10.10am few voters who did not possess required identification documents were not given permission to cast their vote at Madipola Arafa Muslim Mada Vidyalaya Janakagama, stated SPO W.M.S.R Bandara (<b>Polling Centre No 19</b>)</li> <li>• At around 10.55am 15 voters who did not possess required identification documents</li> </ul>

							<p>were not permitted to vote at Medabedda Government Maha Vidyalaya Hall No 02 <b>(Polling Centre No 23)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At around 10.20 am Ashoka Karunathilaka, a voter, was not permitted to vote because she did not have required identification documents at Siyambalagahawela Government Junior School <b>(Polling Centre No 21)</b></li> <li>• At around 1.50 pm, 50 voters were not permitted to vote because they were deemed to be not in possession of required identification documents at Kiralegolla Government Primary School <b>(Polling Centre No 61)</b></li> <li>• At 1.00pm the driver of the UNP candidate Ashoka Bandara Tennekoon, who was in a vehicle (302-0405) was assaulted by a group of Supporters of UPFA candidate Pramitha Bandara Tennekoon in front of the Dambulla Government Madya Maha Vidyalaya, Hall No. 2, Dambulla City the driver sustained minor injuries Ashoka Bandara</li> </ul>
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							<p>Tennekoon witnessed the attack and said has not informed to the police yet <b>(Polling Centre No 72)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at about 12.00noon some voters were not allowed to vote because they brought temporary identification cards issued at the previous election at the Galawelle Government Primary School <b>(Polling Centre No 32)</b></li> </ul>
2	Laggala	64147	41,262 (3,158)	67	30	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At around 9.25am 02 voters were not allowed to cast their vote as they did not produce required identification documents at Bobella Government Primary School, Bobella<b>(Polling Centre No 28)</b></li> </ul>
3	Matale	748339	45,128 (3,476)	57	33	07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CMVE station monitor reported at around 9.45 am few UNP members have cast their vote twice at the St. Thomas Government Maha Vidyalaya <b>(Polling Centre No 25)</b></li> <li>At around 11.14am a group of supporters of UNP candidate Wasantha Aluvihara (candidate no 06) were reported to have left hand bills with the party symbol and the preferential number of the candidate</li> </ul>

							<p>within the 500 meters from Kawatayamunna Ananda Government Maha Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No 13</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At around 1.20pm 16 voters were not permitted to vote as they submitted photographs certified by the GS and service identification which not acceptable identification documents at Mahawela D.M Gunaratne Government Maha Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No.39</b>)</li> <li>• At 1.40pm 05 voters were not permitted to vote as they produced photographs certified by the GS which is not an acceptable identification document at Aluvihara Rajamaha Vihara(<b>Polling Centre No 17</b>)</li> <li>• At 1.50pm 04 voters were not allowed to vote as they produced expired passports which is a not an acceptable document at the Matale Government Hindu Maha Vidyalaya Hall No 02(<b>Polling Centre No 20</b>)</li> <li>• At around 2.00pm 15 voters were not</li> </ul>
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							<p>permitted to vote as they produced documents certified by GS and JP which are not acceptable documents at the Aluwihara Rajamaha Vihara Dharma Salawa Hall No 03(<b>Polling Centre No 18</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At around 2.10pm 05 voters were not permitted to vote as they produced documents certified by the GS which is not an acceptable document at Aluwihara Rajamaha Vihara (<b>Polling Centre No 16</b>)</li> </ul>
4	Rattota	82172	52,069 (4,780)	74	40	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at around 9.30am 04 voters who did not have their National Identity Cards left Gurawela Government Junior School, without casting their vote(<b>Polling Centre No 24</b>)</li> <li>• at around 10.00am approximately 20 voters who possessed photographs certified by the GS, which is not an acceptable document, were not allowed to cast their vote, at Poojagoda Purana Vihara Damma Hall (<b>Polling Centre No 34</b>)</li> <li>• at around 10.00am approximately 20</li> </ul>

							<p>voters who possessed photographs certified by the GS which is not an acceptable document were not allowed to cast their vote , at Kuriwela Government Sinhala Maha Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No 28</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporters of ex-Parliamentarian R. Yogarajan were witnessed driving around in a vehicle adorned with UPFA flags at around 12 noon within the vicinity of Elkaduwa Tamil Junior School (<b>Polling Centre No 37</b>)</li> <li>• At around 1.10pm 15 voters were not permitted to vote because they were deemed to be not in possession of required identification documents, they did produce photographs certified by the GS, expired passports and service identities, which are not acceptable documents for casting at Pitakanda Government Tamil Primary School Hall No 02 (<b>Polling Centre No 51</b>)</li> <li>• At around 12.45pm 08 voters were not permitted to vote because they were</li> </ul>
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							<p>deemed to be not in possession of required identification documents, they did produce photographs certified by the GS, expired passports which are not acceptable documents at Old Dehideniya Government Primary School (<b>Polling Centre No 39</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At around 12.45pm 05 voters left Navaratnagoda Pagnnarama Maha Vidyalaya without casting their vote because they were deemed to be not in possession of required identification documents (<b>Polling Centre No 40</b>)</li> <li>• At around 1.20pm 05 people at Pitakanda Government Tamil Primary School Hall No 02, were not permitted to vote because they were deemed to be not in possession of required identification documents(<b>Polling Centre No 52</b>)</li> <li>• At around 2.39pm 04 voters at Pitakanda Government Sinhala Vidyalaya were not permitted to vote as they produced documents certified by the GS which is not an acceptable document (<b>Polling</b></li> </ul>
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							<p><b>Centre No 48)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 8.52am CMEV monitor reported that 02 voters were not permitted to cast their votes as they did not possess required Identification Documents at Export Agriculture Research Old Office Building, Wariyapolawatta(<b>Polling Centre No 13</b>)</li> <li>• at about 10.55am a group of supporters of UPFA candidate, Parakrama Dissanayake, transported voters to the Wehigala Government Maha Vidyalaya in a vehicle bearing number 50-4392(<b>Polling Centre No 33</b>)</li> <li>• at about 9.00am 3 supporters UPFA candidate D.M.K.B.Dissanayake(candidate no 09) were seen in a house, close to the Ukuwela Ajmeer Government Muslim Maha Vidyalaya, Hall No. 2 Manaboda, canvassing to the voters(<b>Polling Centre No 26</b>)</li> </ul>
	Total	338,946	218,406 (16,495) With Postal Votes	290	156	27	27



## Nuwara Eliya District

	Polling Division	Total Number of Registered Voters	Total Polled (Rejected)	Total Number of Polling Centers	No, of polling centers monitored	No, of polling centers monitored with incidents	Special Comments
1	Nuwaraeliya - Maskeliya	245,527	168,572 ( 15,099)	192	98	09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 05 voters who produced photocopies of their Card were not permitted to vote at Glenugi Esta <b>Centre No 176)</b></li> <li>• At 11.45am a voter was not permitted to vote at Mahinda Maha Vidyalaya Kandapola Hall No 01, as the name on his National Identity Card did not tally with his Polling Card, this was despite the fact his NIC number did match(<b>Polling Centre No 61)</b></li> <li>• at around 12noon UPFA candidate, Wimale Karunaratne (candidate no 18), has distributed small handouts within the vicinity of Mahinda Maha Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No 68)</b></li> <li>• at around 12.45 pm Handouts in support of UPFA candidate A. Waggama Gamaralalage Ranasinghe (candidate no 07) have been distributed within the vicinity of Highland</li> </ul>

							<p>Vidyalaya Hatton, as well as to the voters <b>(Polling Centre No 190)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 3.00pm 150 voters who arrived at the Barathi Tamil Maha Vidyalaya, Talawakele could not vote because they did not have required identification documents <b>(Polling Centre No 18)</b></li> <li>• Mrs Ratnawathie, an election officer influenced voters to cast their vote for Candidate Waggama Gamaralalage Ranasinghe (candidate no 07 ) at Kalugala Maha Vidyalaya (Senior Section) Pitawala Hall No 01 <b>(Polling Centre No 112)</b></li> <li>• At 8.45am the supporters of UPFA Candidate, Arul Sami Sandanam, were seen walking near the Polling Station in a Cab exhibiting a campaigning sticker at Girls High School, Udupussallawa Road, Nuwaraeliya <b>(Polling Centre No 92)</b></li> <li>• at 9.10am Wardhan Poonadewi, a voter, was not permitted to vote even though having the Esate Identity Card in her possession at Hawa Eliya Carpenter Training Centre <b>(Polling Centre No 84)</b></li> </ul>
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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPO M.D Dasanayaka, reported that UNP candidate Gurusinghe Aarachchige Piyasiri Gurusinghe (candidate no 6) had one of his vehicles intimidatingly stationed within the premises of Galugala Vidyalaya, Galugala(Polling Centre No 87)</li> </ul>
2	Kotmale	68,967	47,451 ( 3,462)	64	28	02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 12.50pm Sunil Maduranga, a voter, discovered his ballot had already been cast when he arrived at Bogahawela Vidyalaya (Polling Centre NO 44)</li> <li>at 8.20am the SPO did not permit Mahinda Wijeratne, a voter, to cast his vote, because the voter's NIC number did not match the number mentioned on his Polling Card at Kumbal Oluwa Vidyalaya, Kumbaloluwa (Polling Centre No 06)</li> </ul>
3	Hanguranketha	65,209	42,845 (3,898)	66	50	07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At around 7.30am 02 voters were not allowed to vote because they didn't have their National Identity Card in their possession at Dholugala Primary School (Polling Centre No 31)</li> <li>At around 10.00am 03 voters were not permitted to cast their vote at Unantenna Primary School, Udagamedda because they did not possess a National Identity Card or any</li> </ul>

							<p>other required identification documents <b>(Polling Centre No 38)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 10.00am 03 voters were not permitted to cast their votes due to the failure to submit required identification documents at Hapuwela Junior School<b>(Polling Centre No36)</b></li> <li>• At around 9.25am 10 voters were not permitted to cast their vote at Pussalamankada Sri Wijayarama Vihara of them 5 had no required identification documents at all, the other 5 were in possession of their national identity cards but their NIC numbers did not tally with the numbers on their polling cards <b>( Polling Centre No 35)</b></li> <li>• at around 2.55pm 13 voters who arrived at the Dehnipe Kanishta Vidyalaya left without voting because they did not have any required identification documents in their possession<b>(Polling Centre No 03)</b></li> <li>• 03 voters could not cast their vote due to not having required identification documents at Thiyathilaka Madya Maha Vidyalaya - Udumalugama, Hall No 02<b>(Polling Centre No 34)</b></li> </ul>
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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03 voters were turned away due to not having required identification documents; one voter did not carry identification at all while the other two only had expired driving licenses Thiyathilaka Madya Maha Vidyalaya - Hall No 01(<b>Polling Centre No 33</b>)</li> </ul>
4	Walapane	72,692	45,635 (4,289)	67	28	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at Maha Uwathota Tamil Central College Malwattegedara Mallika, a voter, was not permitted to vote even though she had the required identification documents in her possession(<b>Polling Centre no 21</b>)</li> </ul>
	Total	<b>452,395</b>	309,666 (26,847)	389	330	19	19

## ELECTION DAY INCIDENTS SUMMARY BY POLLING DIVISION

### *North Western Province*

#### Kurunegala District

	Polling Division	Total Number of Registered Voters	Total Polled (Rejected)	Total Number of Polling Centers	No, of polling centers monitored	No, of polling centers monitored with incidents	Special Comments
1	Galgamuwa	95491	55,739 (2,249)	66	49	02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 09.30am 20 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Field 1 United Death Donations Society some of them had a photo certified by the Grama Niladari which is not an acceptable document(<b>Polling Centre No 14</b>)</li> <li>• at 2.50pm 23 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required at Dehelgamuwa Kande Vihara Dharmasalawa (<b>Polling Centre No 61</b>)</li> </ul>
2	Nikaweratiya	87102	51,448 (2,115)	64	28	NIL	
3	Yapahuwa	104554	59,187 (2,514)	67	30	NIL	

4	Hiriyala	90963	51,037 ( 2,145)	59	55	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at around 3.00am supporters of the UPFA candidate Manjula Dissanayake (candidate no 33) had assaulted UPFA candidate A.Don Kamal Indika (preference no 10) closed to the Gassandalupotha Maha Vidyalaya.the victim was admitted to the hospital(<b>Polling Centre No 11</b>)</li> <li>• at 12.36pm 20 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Bambaragolla Maha Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No 02</b>)</li> <li>• at 12.52pm 24 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Nabeta Kanishta Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No 01</b>)</li> <li>• at 11.35am 02 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Udkodawala Kanishta Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No 26</b>)</li> <li>• at 11.55am 25 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Pallekendawala Kanishta Vidyalaya</li> </ul>
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							<p><b>(Polling Centre No 25)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 12.15pm 30 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Medamulla De Mel Maha Vidyalaya <b>(Polling Centre No 24)</b></li> <li>• At 8.20am 02 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Ibbagamuwa Model School <b>(Polling Centre No 30)</b></li> <li>• at 9.58am 03 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Daramitipola Gamini Rural Development Society Hall <b>(Polling Centre No 17)</b></li> <li>• at 9.05am 07 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Thalgodapitiya Temple Preaching Hall <b>(Polling Centre No 29)</b></li> <li>• at 11.10am 05 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Namal Anga</li> </ul>
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							<p>Mahavidyalaya <b>(Polling Centre No 23)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 8.05am 02 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Preaching Hall of Dehelgamuwa Kande Vihara <b>(Polling Centre No 33)</b></li> <li>• 02 vehicles and supporters of UPFA candidate Manjula Dissanayake was attacked injuring three at Kumbukgatey Central College. Two of them were admitted to Polgahawela Hospital. A complaint was made to the Police. <b>(Polling Centre No 39)</b></li> <li>• at about 12.30pm 30 voters were not allowed to vote at Aluthgama Junior School because they did not have required identification documents <b>(Polling Centre No 48)</b></li> <li>• 05 voters were turned away due to not having required identification documents at Waduwwa Tertiary College <b>(Polling centre No 44)</b></li> <li>• 10 voters were not allowed to cast their vote due to not having a required</li> </ul>
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							<p>identification documents at Thiththawallagala Muslim Vidyalaya <b>(Polling Centre No 43)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 05 voters were turned away at the polling station and not allowed to cast their votes due to not having required identification documents at Hiripitiya Dharmachandra Pirivena, Hall No 01<b>(Polling Centre No 52)</b></li> <li>• a voter was not permitted to cast the vote due to not having required identification documents Hiripitiya Dharmachandra Piriwena, Hall No 02<b>(Polling Centre No 53)</b></li> <li>• 14 voters were not permitted to cast their votes as they did not possess required identification documents at Gokaralla Madya Maha Vidyalaya<b>(Polling Station No18)</b></li> </ul>
5	Wariyapola	71255	42,425 ( 1,546)	51	28	NIL	
6	Panduwasnuwara	69672	42,716 ( 1,313)	51	34	04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At noon 13 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Poruwawa Primary School <b>(Polling Centre No 40)</b></li> <li>• At 1.45pm the SPO of the Hunnelembuwa</li> </ul>

							<p>Kanishta Vidyalaya thrashed/physically attacked some UNP polling agents who dropped some stickers into the ballot box. The police inspector (from Hettipola Police Station) on duty UKRC Amarasinghe has thereafter scolded the SPO saying that he did not have such powers. Issue was settled amicably. <b>(Polling Centre No 01)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 10.00am 02 voters were not allowed to vote since their passports had expired and since they were not able to produce any other required identification documents at Hettipola Maha Vidyalaya <b>(Polling Centre No 06)</b></li> <li>• at 11.30am UNP election operations centre reported that the Principal of the Hettipola Maha Vidyalaya had not taken down pictures and posters of HE the President and candidates contesting under the UPFA party<b>(Polling Centre No 06)</b></li> </ul>
7	Bingiriya	81412	47,916 ( 1,619)	61	50	NIL	
8	Katugampola	88834	55,383 ( 1,721)	65	29	NIL	
9	Kuliyapitiya	93845	60,193	70	52	NIL	

			( 1,972)				
10	Dambadeniya	88263	58,225 ( 1,877)	61	25	02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 10.30am the UPFA polling agent pasted a sticker depicting a lotus flower in blue background on the ballot box without the knowledge of the SPO. Thereafter it was removed by SPO and taken to his custody. An entry was made in the log book at Madawala Kanishta Vidyalaya(<b>Polling Centre No 27</b>)</li> <li>• a UPFA sticker found outside a Ballot Box of the Alawwa Sri Rahula National School. A sticker of a UPFA was pasted outside of a Ballot Box by a UPFA polling agent, and this was seen by one of the voters only after twelve noon and removed later on(<b>Polling Centre No 22</b>)</li> </ul>
11	Polgahawela	72413	44,391 ( 1,541)	54	30	NIL	
12	Kurunegala	80308	48,120 ( 1,619)	50	41	02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at around 3.45pm CMEV stationed monitor reported that 250 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Wellawa Central College (<b>Polling Centre No 06</b>)</li> <li>• 20 voters who arrived to cast their vote</li> </ul>

							with only Grama Niladhari certified pictures, were turned away at the polling station as it is not an acceptable identification document at Pimburuwellagama Madya Maha Vidyalaya(Polling Centre No 10)
13	Mawathagama	81646	51,125 ( 1,967)	57	33	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N.P Karunadhasa, a UNP supporter, complained that a Grama Niladhari and two Samurdhi Officers of Ihal Waligepola were working in the Seruwawa Weaving Centre(Polling Centre No 07)</li> </ul>
14	Dodangaslanda	65459	40,096 ( 1,890)	46	32	NIL	
	Total	<b>1,171,881</b>	735,846 (26,660)	822	518	29	29

## Puttalam District

	Polling Division	Total Number of Registered Voters	Total Polled (Rejected )	Total Number of Polling Centers	No, of polling centers monitored	No, of polling centers monitored with incidents	Special Comments
1	Puttalam	100,637	54,552 ( 4,449)	75	56	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At around 8.20am a large sum of hand bills of UNP candidates Chandrasena Sirimanna (candidate no13) and Duglous Indika Senadira (candidate no 19) were distributed at the gate of the Saint Anthonys College, Dhaluwa(<b>Polling Centre No 48</b>)</li> <li>• CMEV monitor reported that between 10.00am to 2.00pm a large group of UPFA supporters gathered outside the Fathima Balika Vidyalaya began to enter the Polling station in groups attempting to vote collectively. The police intervened and dispersed the crowd, and arranged for them to vote individually. A supporter phoned to inform Minister Baize regarding the situation. On arrival at the scene Minister Baiz grabbed a police officer by his neck and threatened him (<b>Polling Centre No 10</b>)</li> </ul>

							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 10.35pm according to a complaint made by a representative of the Independent group-08 attempts were made to prevent voters from voting and were intimidated and tried to expel them at Kanamoolai Muslim Vidyalaya. Complaints were also lodged with the Elections commissioner (<b>Polling Centre No 03</b>)</li> <li>• at 9.30am Warnakoolasooriyage Shiromi Sughandhi, a voter, was not permitted to cast vote due to the failure of submitting required identification documents at P/Mampuriya Roman Catholic School(<b>Polling Centre No 50</b>)</li> <li>• At around 9.00am CMEV monitor reported that a vehicle and two motor bicycles belonging to UPFA candidate, Thahir (candidate no 16) had been circling close to Nawakkaduwa Tamil Junior School bearing his candidate number -16. The vehicle carried four of his supporters while the motor bicycles were driven by two supporters(<b>Polling Centre No 49</b>)</li> <li>• CMEV monitor reported that at around 10.45am a group of UPFA supporters dressed in blue was seen driving around and near the P/Othappanai Tamil Vidyalaya -Udappuwa, in a vehicle (<b>Polling Centre No 22</b>)</li> </ul>
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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 12.45pm CMEV monitor reported that UPFA candidate, Mohamed Riyaz (candidate no 2) was seen loitering near the Koththantivu Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in a vehicle without number plate(<b>Polling Centre No 18</b>)</li> <li>• At around 12.30pm CMEV monitor reported that a vehicle bearing number plate 56- 8628 belonging to UPFA candidate, Thahir(candidate no 16) was seen allegedly transporting voters to the Thalawila St. Anne's Maha Vidyalaya(<b>Polling Centre No 59</b>)</li> <li>• At around 1.40pm 20 voters were unable to cast their votes as they failed to submit required identification documents at P/Kandakuda Muslim Junior School(<b>Polling Centre No 57</b>)</li> <li>• At around 2.00pm 06 voters were unable to cast their votes as they did not produce required identification documents at P/Palliwasalthurai Muslim Maha Vidyalaya(<b>Polling Centre No 60</b>)</li> </ul>
2	Anamaduwa	100,470	56,382 (5,830)	91	44	09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 1.40pm 20 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Wadigamangawa Kanishta Vidyalaya(<b>Polling Centre No 36</b>)</li> <li>• at 2.30pm 04 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification</li> </ul>



						<p>documents at Surakkulama Rural Development Society Hall(<b>Polling Centre No 13</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 2.30 pm 03 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Pahalagama Rural Development Society Hall(<b>Polling Centre No 32</b>)</li> <li>• at 3.50pm few voters were barred from voting as their NIC numbers did not tally with the numbers mentioned in their polling cards at Kothalakemiya Junior School (<b>Polling Centre No 28</b>)</li> <li>• At 3.00pm 25 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Kothalakemiya Junior School (<b>Polling Centre No 28</b>)</li> <li>• 05 voters were turned away at the Vidyasagara Junior School - Kalladiya - Hall No 1 due to not having required identification documents(<b>Polling Centre No 88</b>)</li> <li>• About 25 voters could not vote due to not having required identification documents and was turned away at the Kottukachchiya Maha Vidyalaya(<b>Polling Centre No 15</b>)</li> </ul>
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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 voters could not cast their vote due to not having required identification documents and was turned away at the Thalakolawewa Govisevana Centre(<b>Polling Centre No 29</b>)</li> <li>• 15 voters were not allowed to cast their vote and turned away at the Welasiya Junior School due to not having required identification documents(<b>Polling Centre No 87</b>)</li> <li>• at 1.30pm 25 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at P/Wayamba Presidential Primary School (<b>Polling Centre No 38</b>)</li> <li>• at around 2.00pm 25 voters were not allowed to cast their vote as they did not produce required identification documents at Pt/Divulwewa Junior School(<b>Polling Centre No 33</b>)</li> </ul>
3	Chilaw	107,331	60,813 ( 4,074)	82	39	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 1.30pm 25 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Bandarawatte Primary School (<b>Polling Centre No 51</b>)</li> <li>• at 3.30pm 08 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Ch/ Athuwaga Senanayake Primary School (<b>Polling Centre No 58</b>)</li> </ul>

							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at about 11.00am 08 voters were not allowed to vote as they did not produce required identification documents at Illakkattuwa Sarvodaya Pre-school(<b>Polling Centre No 07</b>)</li> <li>• At about 9.30am a voter was barred from voting at Ch/ Arachchikattuwa Kanishta Vidyalaya Hall No 01 since his passport had expired and he did not have any other form of required identification documents(<b>Polling Centre No 09</b>)</li> <li>• Voters of Ch/Karukkupane Tamil Junior School were disturbed due to a weekly market held within the 500 meter periphery. This incident was reported at 8.40am(<b>Polling Centre No15</b>)</li> <li>• At about 10.15am a voter was not allowed to vote due to the non-availability of required identification documents at Ch/ Karankuliya Maha Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No 21</b>)</li> <li>• at 2.30pm 03 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Preaching Hall of Ponnakkanniya Sri Nivegarama Viharaya (<b>Polling Centre No 65</b>)</li> <li>• at 3.45pm 03 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification</li> </ul>
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							<p>documents at Ch/ St Benedict's Kanishta Vidyalaya-Kanjukkuliya(<b>Polling Centre No 43</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 11.00am CMEV monitor reported that UPFA candidate, Sanath Nishantha is allegedly using vehicle numbered 59-2477 to transport voters to Preaching hall of Weherabandikale Raja Maha Viharasthanaya.(<b>Polling Centre No 22</b>)</li> <li>A van bearing the number plate no 59-2477, a car and a motor bicycle belonging to UPFA candidate Sanath Nishantha was reported to be lingering near the Arachchikattuwa KANISTA Vidyalaya - Hall no 1 and Hall no 2 (<b>Polling Centre No 09 &amp;10</b>)</li> <li>25 voters could not cast their vote due to not having required identification documents and was turned away at the Ch/ Ananda National School (<b>Polling Centre No 38</b>)</li> </ul>
4	Naththandiya	82,284	45,191 ( 2,338)	64	35	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at around 6.15am posters of the UPFA candidate, Jude Sumal Tissera were pasted within 500 meters of the Ihala Katuneriya St.Jude Church(<b>Polling Centre No 27</b>)</li> </ul>
5	Wennappuwa	99,130	52,740 ( 3,259)	75	35	09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at around 8.50am a large sum of hand bills with the JVP "bell" symbol have been distributed at the Ch/Lunuwila Roman Catholic Kanista Vidyalaya Kirimatiyana North(<b>Polling Centre</b></li> </ul>

						<p><b>No 43)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at 3.15pm 10 voters were barred from voting as they failed to produce required identification documents at Kammalpattu Coconut Producers' Cooperative Society Building-Kolinjadiya(<b>Polling Centre No 12</b>)</li> <li>• At around 8.20am a large sum of small hand bills of UPFA candidates L.Kalana Geesara (candidate no 10) and L.K . Jagath Priyankara(candidate no 11) had been distributed at the Ch/Lunuwila Buddhist Kanista Vidyalaya(<b>Polling Centre No 06</b>)</li> <li>• at about 10.55am some voters were not allowed to vote because they were not able produce required identification documents at Haldanduwana, Roman Catholic Junior School, Hall number 3, (<b>Polling Centre No 59</b>)</li> <li>• At 12.50pm 03 voters were barred from voting due to their inability to produce required identification documents at Dummalasuriya Nimala Mariya Vidyalaya (<b>Polling Centre No 64</b>)</li> <li>• at 12.40pm some voters were barred from voting</li> </ul>
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							<p>as they failed to produce required identification at Dankotuwa Town hall(<b>Polling Centre No 63</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 10 UPFA supporters stationed close to 100m of the St. Ann's Kanista Vidyalaya, Chilaw - Hall No 2 are allegedly influencing the voters 'whom' and 'which party' they should vote for(<b>Polling Station No 01</b>)</li> <li>• At around 11.05am 05 voters were turned away and not allowed to cast their votes due to not holding required identification documents at Samagiwatta Community Hall, Haldanduwana North (<b>Polling Centre No 56</b>)</li> <li>• at about 2.45pm 04 voters were not allowed to cast their votes as they did not produce required identification documents at Ch/Gonawila Kanishta Vidyalaya - Hall No. 2(<b>Polling Centre No 68</b>)</li> </ul>
	Total	489,852	274,014 ( 20,054)	387	209	41	42

## 2. No of Voters Deprived for Lack of Required Identification

### *Central Province*

#### Mahanuwara District

	Polling Division	Polling Station No	Polling Station	No of persons deprived of the right to vote
B	Harispattuwa	26	• Pradeshiya Sabha Office,Thiththapajjala .	04
		22	• Nugawela Boys Central College	02
		23	• Nugawela Boys Central College Hall No 02	03
		82	• Neerella Muslim Maha Vidyalaya, Melchena	Not reported
		77	• Zahira Muslim Maha Vidyalaya,Akurana	Not reported
C	Pathadumbara	43	• Panwila Rajasinghe Maha Vidyalaya,Udakumbura	02
E	Teldeniya	31	• Abesinghe Junior Vidyalaya, Watapana Hall No 02	08
		33	• Teldeniya National School, Wil-Amuna	05
F	Kundasale	16	• Weerawikum Junior School	09
		37	• Theldeniya Muslim Vidyalaya - Hall No 01	04
		34	• Kengalla Maha Vidyalaya	08
		20	• Kapila Senevirane Mahanuware Model School (Secondary School) Pallegunnepana	10
		35	• Kengalla Junior School	06
		42	• Rajawella Tamil National School	20
		38	• Pre School Building in premises of Sri Sumanarama Viharaya, Aluthwatta	05
		39	• Preaching Hall of Sri Sumanarama Viharaya,Aluthwaththa	07
		21	• Udagama Maha Vidyalaya, Maharagammedda	13

H	Senkadagala	14 02 34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya, Senior Section</li> <li>• Mawilmada Maha Vidyalaya Hall No 02</li> <li>• Siddarta Maha Vidyalaya, Pollwattagama</li> </ul>	01 04 04
J	Yatinuwara	25 47 10 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kadugannawa Central College, Kotabogoda</li> <li>• Kadugannawa Central College.</li> <li>• Kobbekaduwa Junior School .</li> <li>• Kadugannawa Central College</li> </ul>	10 05 08 10
K	Udunuwara	19 16 55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Udunuwara Cultural Centre, Kotakedeniya.</li> <li>• Watupola Rural Development Society Hall, Watupola.</li> <li>• K/Denu Wattapola Primary School, Wattapola</li> </ul>	Not reported 50 10
L	Gampola	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saraswatie Central Collage, Wadugapiyiya.</li> </ul>	04



## Nuwara Eliya District

	Polling Division	Polling Station No	Polling Station	No of persons deprived of the right to vote
A	Nuwaraeliya - Maskeliya	176	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glenugi Estate School</li> </ul>	05
		61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mahinda Maha Vidyalaya Kandapola Hall No 01,</li> </ul>	01
		18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barathi Tamil Maha Vidyalaya, Talawakele</li> </ul>	150
		84	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawa Eliya Carpenter Training Centre</li> </ul>	01
B	Kotmale	06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kumbal Oluwa Vidyalaya, Kumbaloluwa</li> </ul>	01
C	Hanguranketha	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dholugala Primary School</li> </ul>	02
		38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unantenna Primary School, Udagamedda</li> </ul>	03
		36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hapuwela Junior School</li> </ul>	03
		35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pussalamankada Sri Wijayarama Vihara</li> </ul>	10
		03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dehnipe Kanishta Vidyalaya</li> </ul>	13
		34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thiyathilaka Madya Maha Vidyalaya - Udumalugama, Hall No 02</li> </ul>	03
		33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thiyathilaka Madya Maha Vidyalaya - Hall No 01</li> </ul>	03
D	Walapane	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maha Uwathota Tamil Central College</li> </ul>	01

## Matale District

	Polling Division	Polling Station No	Polling Station	No of person deprived of the right to vote
1	Dambulla	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Millawana Government Maha Vidyalaya, Millawana Ihalagama,</li> </ul>	01
		19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Madipola Arafa Muslim Mada Vidyalaya Janakagama,</li> </ul>	Not reported
		23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medabedda Government Maha Vidyalaya Hall No 02</li> </ul>	15
		21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Siyambalagahawela Government Junior School</li> </ul>	01
		61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kiralegolla Government Primary School</li> </ul>	50
		32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Galawelle Government Primary School.</li> </ul>	Not reported
2	Laggala	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bobella Government Primary School, Bobella</li> </ul>	02

*North Western Province*

**Kurunegala District**

	Polling Division	Polling Station No	Polling Station	No of persons deprived of the right to vote
A	Galgamuwa	14	• Trect- 1 United Death Donations Society	20
		61	• Dehelgamuwa Kande Vihara Dharmasalawa	23
D	Hiriyala	02	• Bambaragolla Maha Vidyalaya	20
		01	• Nabeta Kanishta Vidyalaya	24
		26	• Udkodawala Kanishta Vidyalaya	02
		25	• Pallekendawala Kanishta Vidyalaya	25
		24	• Medamulla De Mel Maha Vidyalaya	30
		30	• at Ibbagamuwa Model School	02
		17	• Daramitipola Gamini Rural Development Society Hall	03
		29	• Thalgodapitiya Temple Preaching Hall	07
		23	• Namal Anga Mahavidyalaya	05
		33		02

		48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preaching Hall of Dehelgamuwa Kande Vihara</li> </ul>	30
		44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aluthgama Junior School</li> </ul>	05
		43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waduwwa Tertiary College</li> </ul>	10
		52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thiththawallagala Muslim Vidyalaya</li> </ul>	05
		53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiripitiya Dharmachandra Pirivena, Hall No 01</li> </ul>	01
		18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiripitiya Dharmachandra Piriwena, Hall No 02</li> <li>• Gokaralla Madya Maha Vidyalaya</li> </ul>	14
F	Panduwasnuwara	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poruwawa Primary School</li> </ul>	13
		06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hettipola Maha Vidyalaya</li> </ul>	02
L	Kurunegala	06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellawa Central College</li> </ul>	250
		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pimburuwellagama Madya Maha Vidyalaya</li> </ul>	20

**Puttalam District**

	Polling Division	Polling Station No	Polling Station	No of persons deprived of the right to vote
A	Puttalam	50	• P/Mampuriya Roman Catholic School	01
		57	• P/Kandakuda Muslim Junior School	20
		60	• P/Palliwasalthurai Muslim Maha Vidyalaya	06
B	Anamaduwa	36	• Wadigamangawa Kanishta Vidyalaya	20
		13	• Surakkulama Rural Development Society Hall	04
		32	• Pahalagama Rural Development Society Hall	03
		28	• Kothalakemiya Junior School	Not reported
		28	• Kothalakemiya Junior School	25
		88	• Vidyasagara Junior School - Kalladiya - Hall No 1	05
		15	• Kottukachchiya Maha Vidyalaya	15
		29	• Thalakolawewa Govisevana Centre	12
		87	• Welasiya Junior School	15
		38	• P/Wayamba Presidential Primary School	25
		33	• Pt/Divulwewa Junior School	25

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**Central & North Western Provincial Council Election  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009**

## **Media Communiqué 01**

*22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009, Colombo, Sri Lanka:* The Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) will be monitoring the upcoming Provincial Council Elections on 14 February 2009 in the Central and North - Western Provinces. We would like to inform all the political parties, independent groups and other relevant parties that CMEV hopes to adopt the same methodology and practices we employed in earlier monitoring of elections.

After completing preparatory work related to monitoring, CMEV has trained and posted 42 electoral division monitors in the field. Our operations centre is located in Colombo at the address noted above. CMEV will deploy 675 polling centre

monitors and about 40 mobile monitoring teams to cover at least 70% of polling stations in the two Provinces.

CMEV solicits the full corporation from political parties, independent groups and other relevant parties to conduct impartial and fruitful monitoring exercise.

CMEV has confirmed 21 election violence related incidents up to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009. This is relatively low in comparison to previous Provincial Council elections. Political parties, groups and other responsible authorities need to ensure that violent trends do not increase in the lead up to and on Election Day. CMEV also notes that those in power must disallow the use of public property for campaigning and electioneering.

Insisting upon proper voter identification at the polling stations by the Elections Commissioner will minimise opportunities for malpractices. But the illiterate voters especially among the estate workers may not have a clear understanding of the notice of the Election Commissioner. Field reports from our monitors indicate that the exhibition of the notice of Election commissioner at public places where the

estate workers are living is not just sufficient. We call upon the Grama Niladharies [GN] and Estate Superintendents to take immediate steps to protect the voting rights of them.

In response to our inquiries, the Assistant Elections Commissioner in Nuwara Eliya said that steps had been taken to issue 2000 temporary identity cards. He also noted that there were nearly 28,000 people in Nuwara Eliya District without identity cards. The Deputy Elections Commissioner in Kandy told CMEV that 81,000 people in the Kandy District were without identity cards. He went on to say that after informing Estate Superintendents and the GN on this matter, he had issued 60,000 application forms to field workers to be distributed amongst people to obtain temporary identity cards. A spokesman from the Elections Office in Matale noted that upon inspection, it was found that around 26,000 people did not have the identity cards. In light of this, they had issued 4,000 application forms.

However the exact number of people who applied for temporary identity cards could only be ascertained after the closing date of applications.

CMEV reiterate that it is the responsibility of the political parties and the civil society organizations in the area to make them aware on the matter and to direct them to relevant agencies to obtain temporary identity cards. This needs to be addressed as a matter of priority.

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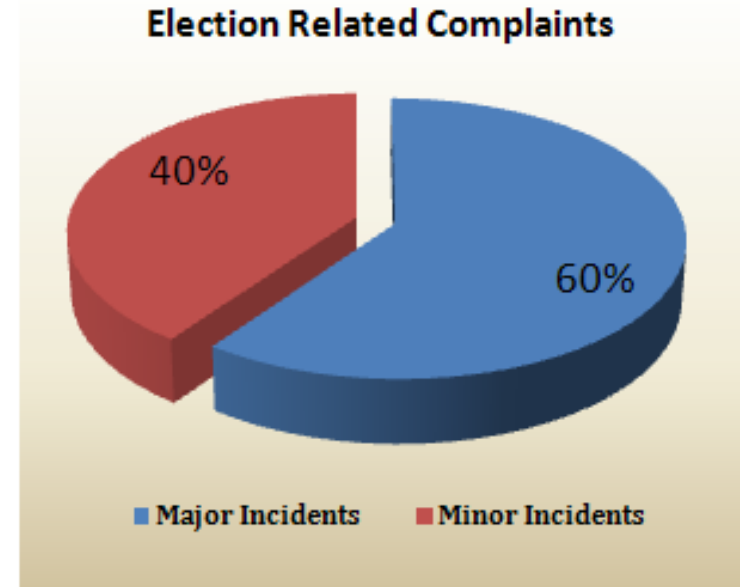
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06<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

CMEV received 75 election related complaints since the beginning of nomination on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2008 up to 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

Of the total complaints, CMEV categorized 45 (60%) complaints as major incidents and the rest 30 (40%) as minor incidents.

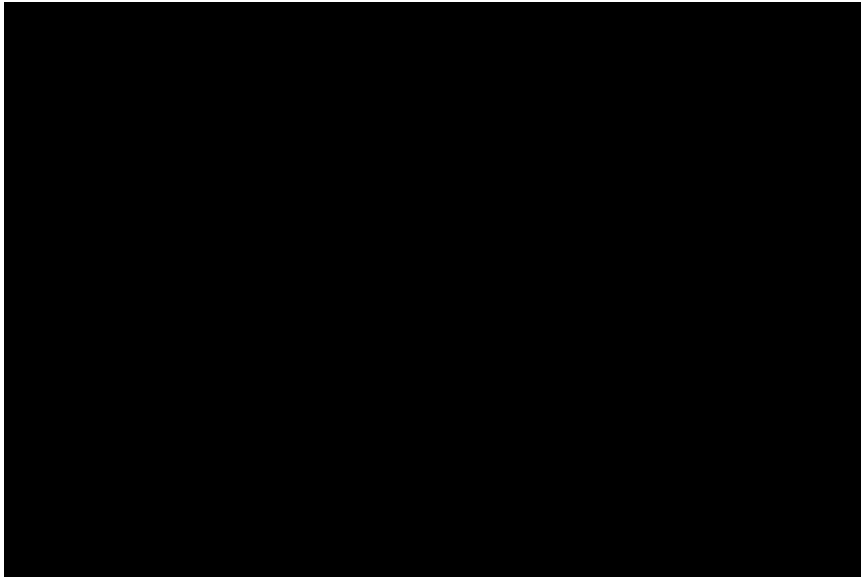
Major incidents include 3 grievous hurts, 11 hurts, 16 assaults, 9 threats and intimidations, 2 robberies and 4 arsons.



Of the total 75 complaints, 44 reported from Central province and the balance 31 from North Western province. District - wise Puttalam (16) and Kandy (16) each account for the highest number of incidents followed by Kurunegala 15, Nuwara Eliya 14 and Matale 14.

CMEV is concerned about gradual escalation of election related violence from a peaceful condition prevailed at the beginning of the election campaign.

Chart no.2 shows clearly the increase of violence from the beginning of the nomination to date.



CMEV recognizes the increasing number of attacks, grievous hurts, threat and intimidations as an impediment to conduct the forthcoming election in a free and fair manner.

**North - Western Province.**  
***Kurunegala District.***

Of the 15 incidents reported from Kurunegala district UPFA is accused of 14 incidents and the UNP is accused of one

incident. It is reported that the supporters of UPFA candidate Chandana Prasad Yapa (Preference no 26) are directly involved in three incidents and further more these incidents took place in Katugampola electoral division of Kurunegala district.

In addition UPFA candidates Tikiri Banda Adikari (preference no.04) and Nimal Karunatilaka (Preference no.03) are accused of one complaint each.

***Puttalam District.***

Of the 16 complaints reported from Puttalam district, 9 complaints are against UPFA and the UNP is accused of one incident. There are 6 incidents against unidentified groups. UPFA candidate K. Sanath Nishantha Perera (preference no.12) is accused of 2 incidents and the UNP candidate A. O. Ali Khan( preference no 6) is accused of one incident.

In addition the Deputy Minister of Livestock Mr. K. Bhais is accused of two incidents and CMEV found from its investigations that the minister and his supporters are becoming the focal point of election related violence in Puttalam district. CMEV observes that the behavior of the Deputy Minister will affect the self - determination of the police in the area to exercise its duties fairly and impartially.

**Central Province**  
***Kandy District.***

CMEV received 16 election related violent incidents from Kandy district and 10 of them are against UPFA. UNP is accused of one incident and 5 are against unidentified parties.

Of the total number of complaints against UPFA three candidates, Nishantha Subhasiri (preference no.10) Dilum Amunugama (preference no 6) and Ananda Aluthgama (preference no 7) are responsible to one complaint each.

***Matale District***

CMEV received 14 election related violent incidents from Matale district and 08 of them are against UPFA and 6 are against unidentified parties.

Of the total number of complaints against UPFA candidate, Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon (preference no.10) was directly accused in two incidents. Non cabinet Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development, Rohana Dissanayake and his supporters were accused in one incident.

***Nuwara Eliya.***

UPFA is responsible for 11 complaints received from Nuwara Eliya. UNP and JVP are responsible to one complaint each

while one complaint is against an unidentified party. Of the 3 complaints against UPFA candidates, supporters of Nimal Piyatissa (preference no 18) Shantha Kumara Dasanayake (preference no 5) and W G Ranasinghe (preference no 3) are accused of one incident each. In addition, Minister for Youth and Socio-economic Development Mr. Arumugam Thondaman and his supporters are accused of two incidents. UNP candidate Digambaran (preference no 9) and his supporters are responsible for one incident, it is alleged.

**Misuse of Public Resources.**

The use of public resources by UPFA for its election campaign is observed at a high level in this election also.

It is confirmed by an investigation carried out by CMEV in Kurunegala district that two double cabs numbered WP TD-2271, WP HI2766 and a van numbered 252-6010 belonging to Nation Building Ministry are used by UPFA candidate Ms. Manjula Dissanayaka (preference no.33). CMEV has confirmed information that UPFA candidate Ms. Somakumari Tennakone (preference no.11) is using the vehicle no. 53-6116 belonging to Nikaweratiya Pradeshiya Sabha for her election campaign.

CMEV expresses its concerns and the condemnation that even though the UNP and the JVP reported these incidents of abuses of public resources with detailed information to the government and to the media the authorities did not responded with any degree of responsibility.

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### Media Communiqué 03

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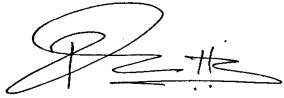
#### Three vehicles used for illegal canvassing under Court custody

The Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) has received complaints that many candidates of United Peoples Freedom Alliance [UPFA] in the Kurunegala District are using public address systems in their **vehicles for canvassing** without obtaining proper licenses.

Mr. Ajith Wasantha Kumara, Magistrate, Kurunegala has ordered the Police to detain 03 vehicles and UPFA supporters as they were canvassing in an unruly manner **and** obstructing the functions of the Court.

CMEV field monitors also report that the Police usually do not take action against such violations of the law, despite receiving many complaints.

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Central & North Western Provincial Council Election  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2009

### Media Communiqué 04

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009, Colombo, Sri Lanka: As the provincial council election campaign draws to an end, at 12.00 hrs. on February 13, CMEV received 110 incidents of election related violence.

Of the total number of incidents reported 70 are from the Central province. North Western reported 40 cases. On district basis 31 incidents are reported from Kandy, 21 from Matale, 18 from Nuwara Eliya, 22 from Kurunegala and 18 from Puttlam.

CMEV observes that the relatively peaceful situation prevailed at the beginning of the election campaign deteriorated into violence which may not conducive to hold free and fair election on February 14.

There is a noticeable increase of assaults, inflicting injuries, intimidations and threats, robberies and arson. CMEV firmly

believes that the emerging situation will not be helpful in anyway to conduct the election in a peaceful and impartial manner.

Of the 92 complaints received by CMEV 62 are against UPFA, 6 against UNP and 2 against JVP and 22 complaints are against unidentified political parties or individuals.

It is interesting to note that there are 12 complaints made by UPFA candidates against their own group. UPFA made 6 complaints against UNP, 2 against JVP and 7 against unidentified parties and groups. Serious competition among UPFA candidates for preference votes contributes to the increase of complaints against their own party members.

UNP made 30 complaints against UPFA and one against their own candidates. There are 5 more complaints against unidentified parties and groups.

JVP made 18 complaints against UPFA and 7 against unidentified parties and groups.

Therefore CMEV requests all political parties and independent groups to take immediate steps to arrest this situation. CMEV also believes that the Police and other concern institutions will take necessary actions to strictly implement the election law.

CMEV received confirmation from Assistance Election commissioners that they are processing to issue temporary identity cards and already issued 59010 temporary identity cards. Of the temporary identity cards issued 15,653 in Kandy district, 5,000 in Matale district, 11,577 in Nuwara Eliya 20,750 in Kurunegala, 6,030 in Putlam district.


CMEV emphasize that the manipulation of the media during the election campaign by the ruling party to its advantage is a clear violation of election laws.

We have already completed preparatory arrangements to monitor the election and will deploy 645 one day monitors to cover the election. In addition we will appoint 32 mobile monitors and 45 field monitors to cover at least 70% of polling booths.

We request all parties concern to extend their cooperation and support to our monitors to carry out their duties without any obstacle.

Following telephone numbers at CMEV are available throughout the Election Day for voters, political parties and independent groups to report any information of election related violence.

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## Central & North Western Provincial Council Election 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009

### Media Communiqué 05

The Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) is monitoring the Provincial Council Elections in the Central and North-Western Provinces. CMEV has deployed 42 field monitors, 650 day monitors and 57 mobile teams for the process of Election Day monitoring in the 40 polling divisions of the 2 provinces. CMEV will be present for the entire duration of polling at 650 polling stations while the mobile teams will visit 855 polling stations. By the end of election day, CMEV will have visited at least 50% of the polling centers.

Initial reports from CMEV monitors indicate that there have been no major incidents of violence since the polls opened at 07.00 a.m. Voter turn-out during the first five hours was

approximately 40%. There have been some violations of election law including campaigning after the campaign period was officially over and at least one incident of voter impersonation. A significant issue that has been reported from a number of polling stations is that of voters being unable to exercise their franchise as they did not possess the required identification.

### Assault of a candidate

Hiriyala Polling Division, Kurunegala District: At around 3.00 am at Melsiripura Kumbukwewa road, Ganegama, supporters of the UPFA candidate Manjula Dissanayake (preference no.33) had assaulted UPFA candidate A. Don Kamal Indika (preference no.10) and the victim was admitted to the Hiripitiya Rural Hospital. He has since been discharged. The police informed a complaint was made at the Wellawa police station (complaint no. EIB/30/26).

### Campaigning continuing despite end of campaign period

Naththandiya Polling Division, Puttalam District: At around 6.15 am posters of the UPFA North Western Provincial Council Candidate Jude Sumal Tissera were pasted at School Building at Ihala Katuneriya St. Jude Church Premises within 500 meters to the polling station no 27.

Vennappuwa Polling Division, Puttalam District: At around 8.50 am at the Chilaw/ Lunuwila Roman Catholic Kanista Vidyalaya Kirimatiyana North polling station no 43, a large sum of hand bills with the JVP “bell” symbol had been found in front of the gate of the said polling centre.

Vennappuwa Division, Puttalam District: At around 8.20 am at the Chilaw/Lunuwila Buddhist Kanista Vidyalaya Polling Centre no 6, a large sum of small hand bills of UPFA candidates L.Kalana Geesara (preference no.10) and L.K . Jagath Priyankara had been found in front of this polling station.

Raththota Polling Station, Matale District: At around 9.00 am CMEV monitor witnessed three supporters of UPFA candidate D.M.P.K.B. Dissanayake (preference no. 09) attempting to influence voters close to the election centre 26 at Ukuwela Ajmeer Government Muslim Vidyalaya.

Kundasale Polling Division, Kandy District: At around 7.30 am a group of UNP supporters had distributed UNP leaflets from a vehicle at polling Station no 06, at Mahawatte Maha Vidyalaya, Yakgehinna.

Puttalam Polling Division, Puttalam District: A large sum of hand bills containing the elephant symbol of UNP candidates Chandrasena Sirimanna (preference no 13) and Duglous Indika Senadira (preference no 19) were distributed in front of the gate of the Daluwa Saint Anthony's Maha Vidyalaya Polling Centre no 48 at around 8.20am.

Maskeliya Polling Division, Nuwara Eliya District: S.P.O. M.D Dasanayaka reported that a vehicle with stickers of UNP candidate Gurusinghe Aarachchige Piyasiri Gurusinghe (preference no 6) was stationed within the premises of the

polling centre No. 87. Kalukale Vidyalaya, Kalukale for about 20 minutes at 8.20 am.

#### Voter impersonation

Theldeniya Polling Division, Kandy District: CMEV monitor was informed that at polling station no 29, Dunhinna Maha Vidyalaya Hall no 2 the vote of Kadirawelu (756444360V) had been allegedly cast by an imposter.

#### Inability to vote as a result of not having the required identification

CMEV monitors were informed by a number of voters that they had been unable to cast their vote due to their non-possession of a national Identity card or any of the seven other relevant documents that the Election Commissioner declared could be used as a legitimate form of identification in order to be eligible to vote. The polling officers seem to have taken the appropriate action of not allowing the individuals to vote due to the lack of appropriate documentation. Nonetheless, the number of incidents highlights the lack of awareness among the voting public - an issue which CMEV has repeatedly pointed to. CMEV was reported the following incidents:

Senkadagala Polling Division, Kandy District: The CMEV monitor reported that at 8.10 am a voter was not allowed to vote due to not holding a valid identification card at, Electorate, Polling Station No 14. Mahamaya Vidyalaya.

Kandy Polling Division, Kandy District: CMEV field monitor at Polling Station No. 4, Kingswood College, Kandy reported



that two persons were not permitted to cast their vote due to them not possessing valid identification cards.

Harispaththuwa Division, Kandy District: Around 9 am the CMEV monitor reported that four persons could not cast their vote due to not having valid identification cards at Polling Station No. 26, at the Pradeshiya Sabha Office, Thiththapajjawa.

Laggala Polling Division, Matale District: CMEV monitors reported that 6 persons could not cast their vote due to not holding valid identification cards at Polling Station No 28, Bobella Government Primary School.

Hanguranketha Polling Division, Nuwara Eliya District: According to CMEV monitor, three persons could not cast their vote due to not having valid identification cards at Polling Station No 34, Thiyathilaka Madya Maha Vidyalaya - Udumalugama, Hall 2. Three other persons were turned away as they did not having valid identification cards at Polling Station No 33, Thiyathilaka Madya Maha Vidyalaya - Hall 1. One person did not carry identification at all while the other two only had expired drivers licenses. Around 7.30 am at Dholugala Primary School, Polling Station no 31 two voters were not allowed to vote because they did not have their relevant identification documents.

Dambulla Polling Division, Matale District: SPO informed CMEV that around 7.50 am at Millayana Government Maha Vidyalaya, Polling Station no 16 a voter who had a

photograph certified by the Grama Sevake was not allowed to cast his vote as he did not have the identity card certified by the Assistant election commissioner

Disparity between numbers of ID card and ballot card

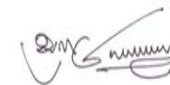
Kandy District, Udunuwara Electorate, Polling Station No 19, Cultural Centre: Around 8.30 am CMEV monitor reported that a voter was turned away due to disparity in numbers on the identification card with those on the ballot card.

Kotmale Polling Division, Kandy District: At 8.20am the SPO at Polling Station\_No 6. Kumbal Oluwa Vidyalaya, Kumbaloluwa, did not permit a voter named Mahinda Wijeratne to cast his vote as the voter's National Identification Card number did not match the number given on his ballot card.

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**Central & North Western Provincial Council Election**  
**14<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**Media Communiqué 06**

**18.30 hrs**

The Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) monitored the Provincial Council Elections in the Central and North-Western Provinces. CMEV deployed 42 field monitors, 650 day monitors and 57 mobile teams for the process of Election Day monitoring in the 40 polling divisions of the 2 provinces. CMEV was present for the entire duration of polling at 650 polling stations while the mobile teams visited 855 polling stations. By the end of Election Day CMEV had visited at least 50% of the polling centers.

There was a low incidence of violence in the Central and North-Western Provincial Council elections. Consequently, the integrity of the overall polls was not affected by electoral violence. Particular violations in specific polling centres

however raised serious concerns for CMEV. There have been a few major incidents at particular polling stations including the threat and intimidation of voters, assault, threat and assault of police officers and government servants serving as party polling agents.

CMEV also continues to note with concern the problems associated with voter identity documentation resulting in the effective disenfranchisement of voters. Given the recurrence of the problem, the parties, relevant officials and monitors associated with the election need to collaborate and agree upon effective ways of ensuring that this is not repeated in forthcoming elections.

CMEV has supported the use of the National Identity Card for voter identification and therefore calls for the expedient issue of National Identity Cards. CMEV and its constituent members have advocated and litigated on this matter. This issue needs to be speedily addressed in light of elections in the near future.

Further, CMEV reiterates its repeated call for the full implementation of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution, which provides for the establishment of independent commissions for elections and the police, an issue that has been continuously advocated and litigated by CMEV and its constituent members.

CMEV has recorded 172 incidents as of 6pm today February 14. Of these, 5 major have been classified as major offences

and 167 as minor offences. In the Central Province Kandy recorded the highest number of offences (54), followed by Matale (28) and Nuwara Eliya (19), while in the North Western Province Puttalm (41) recorded a higher number of violations than Kurunegala (30).

Reports from CMEV monitors indicate that there have been no major incidents of violence since the polls closed at 04.00 p.m.

CMEV has observed that there was a 60% voter turnout during the voting period today.

CMEV is concerned with the violence during the campaign period, specifically during the last two weeks leading up to election day. CMEV noted of 45 major incidents and 30 minor incidents in its press release No. 2, dated 6 February. On 13 February, a bus (no 30-2531) belonging to UPFA candidate Mr. H.M.D Herath (candidate No. 22) in Kurunagala district was burnt in front of his house by an unidentified group. CMEV was informed by the candidate that he had received calls monitoring his movements prior to this incident.

An illustrative sample of the incidents of violence and the violations of election laws reported by CMEV monitors is provided below.

#### Threat and intimidation of voters

Gampola Electorate, Mahanuwara District: At 3.40 p.m. at Atabage Ihalagama Junior School No 35, sixty UNP

supporters who had arrived to cast their votes were intimidated by the supporters of the UPFA Candidates Nissanka Herath and Ananda Aluthgamage. CMEV monitors had witnessed this incident. Police election monitoring mobile team from Pussallawa Police Station (vehicle bearing number plate 61-5678), had arrived at the scene but had not intervened. When the CMEV referred the matter to Pussallawa Police Station they had reported of receiving a phone call through 119 regarding the matter and stated that they had visited the site but that there had been no problem. Further, the police stated that the two numbers in the licence plate given by CMEV were incorrect.

#### Assault

Dambulla Polling Division, Matale District: CMEV was informed by the UNP candidate Ashoka Bandara Tennekoon (No 7), that his driver who was in a car (no.302 - 0405) belonging to the candidate, was assaulted by a group supporting UPFA candidate Pramitha Bandara Tennekoon, in front of the Dambulla Rajaya Maha Vidyalaya Hall no. 2 Polling Centre no. 72 . No police complaint was made.

#### Threats and assault of police officers

Puttalam Polling Division, Puttalam District: Between 10 am and 11am a large group of UPFA supporters had gathered outside the Fathima Balika Vidyalaya Polling Station Polling Centre Nos. 31 and 32 and attempted to enter the Polling station to cast their vote. The police had intervened and dispersed the crowd, asking them to vote individually. Deputy Minister K.A. Baiz who had arrived at the scene had

threatened and assaulted a police officer present at the scene. There is no police report on this incident. CMEV spoke to eye-witnesses to corroborate the story.

#### Public officials serving as polling agents for political parties

Mawathagama Polling Division, Kurunegala District: A UNP supporter N.P Karunadhasa complained that two Samurdhi Officers of Ihala Waligepola from Sinhapura Grama Niladari division (Mawathagama) and from Akard Grama Niladhari division (Mawathagama) were working as polling agents in the polling station No 7 Paragahadeniya Muslim Maha Vidyalaya. The former was nominated by the UPFA and the latter by Sri Lanka Progressive Front. CMEV confirmed that these two individuals are Samurdhi Officers and that they were functioning as polling agents.

#### Continued campaigning during polling

Puttlam Electorate, Puttlam District: CMEV monitor reported that at around 9.00 am a black colour cab and two motorcycles belonging to UPFA candidate Thahir (candidate no 16) traveled back and forth close to the polling station no 49, Puttlam Nawakkaduwa Tamil Vidyalaya, which had stickers bearing his candidate number 16. The vehicles were visible to voters. The cab carried four of his supporters while the motor cycles had two supporters each.

Chilaw Polling Station, Puttlam District: CMEV monitors observed leaflets containing UPFA candidate Janaka Soysa (candidate no 14) carrying his candidate number and political

party in close proximity to Polling Station no. 15, Kurukkupane Tamil Vidyalaya, Chilaw.

Maskeliya Polling Division, Nuwara Eliya District: The CMEV mobile team reported that leaflets supporting UPFA candidate Wimalie Karunaratne (preference no. 18) were found in the vicinity of Mahinda Maha Vidyalaya Polling Centre no.68 at around 12 noon.

#### Inability to vote as a result of not having the required identification

As stated in the communiqué No 5, CMEV monitors were informed by a number of voters of their inability to exercise their franchise. The initial communiqué highlighted a number of incidents where voters had been unable to cast their vote as they did not possess a National Identity Card or any of the seven other relevant documents that the Election Commissioner had declared could be used as a legitimate form of identification in order to be eligible to vote. CMEV monitors observed that polling officers had taken appropriate action of not allowing individuals to vote when specified documentation was not presented. Nonetheless, the number of incidents highlights the lack of awareness among the voting public - an issue which CMEV has repeatedly pointed to. There were a number of incidents particularly from Matale district where voters attempted to use photographs signed by GSs but were not accepted by the Senior Presiding Officers (SPOs). This also suggests that key government officials may also lack awareness as to the legitimate forms of identification or that they have not adequately informed potential voters of

the process for obtaining documentation, resulting in the disenfranchisement of voters.

Matale Polling Division, Matale District: At around 2pm, 15 voters were not permitted to vote at the Aluwihara Rajamaha Vihara Polling Centre no.18 despite the fact that they produced documents certified by GS and a local Justice of Peace.

At 1.40 pm 5 voters were not permitted to vote at the Aluwihara Rajamaha Vihara Polling Centre no. 17 as they did not have valid identification documents. They had produced a photograph certified by the GS.

At 1.50 pm 4 voters who arrived at the Matale Government Hindu Maha Vidyalaya Hall no.2 Polling Centre no.20 were not allowed to vote as they produced passports which had expired.

At around 1.20 pm 16 people were not permitted to vote at Mahawela D.M Gunaratne Government Maha Vidyalaya Polling Centre No. 39 as they had submitted only photographs certified by the GS.


Rattota Polling Division, Matale District: At around 12.45 pm 8 people at Old Dehideniya Government Primary School Polling Centre no. 39 were not permitted to vote because they produced photographs certified by the GS and passports which had expired.

At around 12.45 pm 5 people were not allowed to vote at Navaratnagoda Pagnnarama Maha Vidyalaya Polling Centre no. 40 as they were not in possession of valid identification documents and had only produced photographs certified by the GS.

At around 1.20 pm, 5 people at Pitakanda No. 1 Government Tamil Primary School Polling Centre no. 52, were not allowed to vote as they were not in possession of valid identification documents and had only produced photographs certified by the GS.

Kurunegala Electorate, Kurunegala District: 20 persons were not allowed to vote at Pimburuwellagama Madya Maha Vidyalaya Polling Station no 10 as they only had photographs certified by the GS.

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## Central and North – Western Provincial Council Election 2009

Special Press Release  
19.30 hrs. February 15, 2009

CMEV notes the decision of the Commissioner of Elections to declare the results of No. 47 Polling Station at P/ Nayakkarchenai Tamil Vidyalya in the Puttalam Polling Station (Puttalam District) null and void and to re-poll in that station. The decision was on account of confirmed malpractices at the above named polling station.

CMEV welcomes the decision taken by the Commissioner of Election to declare this poll null and void and to call for a re-poll. It will serve as a fitting precedent and deterrent in forthcoming elections, in respect of electoral malpractice.

CMEV has always maintained that the full use of electoral laws and the powers vested in the Election Commissioner will

in large measure reinforce the integrity of the electoral process and the democratic rights of the citizens. In this context we strongly urge that appropriate action be taken against those involved in such malpractice and that the confidence and trust of citizens in the electoral process be maintained at all times.

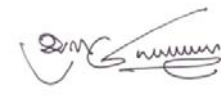
CMEV firmly believes that a key measure to ensure this is the immediate implementation of the 17<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution and calls for such action without delay.

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**Central & North Western Provincial Council Election  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**Media Communiqué 07  
Re - polling at Naykkarchenai Tamil Vidyalaya  
polling station**

Re-polling at the Naykkarchenai Tamil Vidyalaya Polling Station (Puttalam Electorate) will take place on February 21<sup>st</sup> consequent to the Commissioner of Elections nullification of the results from the polls held on February 14, 2009.

CMEV welcomed the decision of the Election Commissioner and reiterates its hope and belief that it will serve as a healthy precedent into the future in respect of effective deterrence and action against electoral malpractice.

Although the forthcoming poll on February 21<sup>st</sup> is limited to a single polling station it has attracted the attention of all candidates in the Puttalam district.

CMEV field observers report that a tense situation is building up on account of groups of candidates and their supporters sweeping through the area in convoys of vehicles.

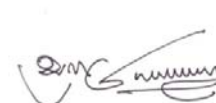
CMEV will deploy a special station monitor and a mobile team to monitor the re-poll on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

CMEV stresses that it is the responsibility of the election officials, police and the candidates to ensure a successful poll and most importantly, one in which the integrity of the electoral process is protected and in no way affected.

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## Media Communiqué No 08

### Central and North – Western Provincial Council Election

21<sup>st</sup> February 2009

14.00hrs

### Re - polling at Naykkarchenai Tamil Vidyalaya polling station

Repoll in Nayakkarchenai Tamil Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Centre no-47) in the Puttalam Polling Division started at 7.00 am today. CMEV has deployed a station monitor and a mobile team to monitor the re-poll. Approximately 62% of the 1,195 voters (741) had cast their ballot by 14.00 hrs.

CMEV field reports indicate a tense situation prevails in the area due to presence of a large number of supporters and candidates. Several police personnel have been deployed both

within the polling centre and in the vicinity (including 500 meters away from premises) of the centre.

No media persons have been allowed into the polling station. The Senior Presiding Officer (SPO) has the discretionary power to permit media access.

### Voters are being transported

CMEV observers report that voters are being transported by UPFA supporters in vehicles. CMEV observers reported, at 9.15 am a white coloured dolphin van (62-5427) is transporting voters to polling station. The van has a flag of Naina Thambi Marikkar Mohamed Thahir of UPFA (preference no 16). CMEV received reports that the police had warned the vehicle driver after which the vehicle and all the documents had been taken into police charge. The vehicle was parked close to the polling station from 9.12 am to 12.15 pm by the police after which it was released. When CMEV contacted the Police, ASP I.B.T.Sugathapala confirmed that the police had issued a warning to the vehicle listed above and that the van had driven away immediately.

CMEV also observed voters are still being transported by vehicles including a cream coloured cab (51-3189) with stickers of Amal Chintaka Mayadunne of UPFA (preference no 05) beyond the 500 meter limit.

### Other incidents

Amal Chintaka Mayadunne of UPFA (preference no 05) travelling in a Suzuki swift car (NW KS – 3313) and Naina Thambi Marikkar Mohamed Thahir of UPFA (preference no 16) traveling in a double cab (WP PE – 6833) had stickers of

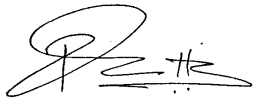


the candidates and were circling in areas close to the polling station at around 7.20 am

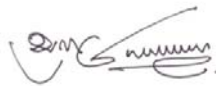
CMEV monitors report, large number of people who do not appear to be voters are gathering in various locations at Nayakkarchenai Junction, Karambe . As of 12.00 pm, the police is attempting to disperse the crowds who continue to gather.

CMEV urges the authorities to ensure that steps are taken to prevent the types of incidents highlighted above including campaigning during polling, transportation of voters by parties and the gathering of crowds which could affect the outcome of the poll. CMEV stresses that it is the responsibility of the election officials, police and the candidates to ensure a free and fair poll and most importantly, one in which the integrity of the electoral process is protected and in no way affected.

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### Central and North - Western Provincial Council Election

#### Media Communiqué No 09

21<sup>st</sup> February 2009

18.30hrs

#### Re - polling at Naykkarchenai Tamil Vidyalaya polling station

Repoll in Nayakkarchenai Tamil Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Centre no-47) in the Puttalam Polling Division concluded at 4.00 pm. CMEV deployed a station monitor and a mobile team to monitor the re-poll.

CMEV reports that 68% of the 1,195 voters (816) had cast their ballot by 16.00 hrs. While there were no major incidents of violence during the re-poll, CMEV recorded a number of election- related offences including campaigning during polling, transportation of voters by parties, an individual case

of voter impersonation and the gathering of crowds which could affect the outcome of the poll.

### **Campaigning during Polling**

CMEV observers report that UPFA candidate A.H.M. Riyaz (preference no 2) stood by the entrance to the polling station and attempted to influence voters by asking to vote for him during the last ten minutes of the poll.

### **Voter Impersonation**

During the last few minutes of the polling an individual attempted voter impersonation was prevented from doing so. He was arrested by the Puttalam Police and is in police custody. Puttalam Police OIC, U.A. Piyaseeli Fernando confirmed this incident.

CMEV welcomed the decision taken by the Commissioner of Election to declare the poll held at P/Nayakkarchenai Tamil Vidyalaya held on February 14 null and void and to re-poll.

During its monitoring of the last provincial council elections, including Eastern, North Central and Sabaragamuwa, North Western and Central provinces CMEV has raised a number of concerns including

- The disenfranchisement of voters due to problems with identification documents
- Misuse of public property by candidates during the campaign

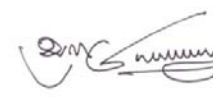
- Biased media print and electronic coverage on State media

While CMEV calls on the Election Commissioner to take steps to prevent and remedy these problems in upcoming polls, CMEV firmly believes that a key measure to ensure that effective action to prevent and address these violations can take place only if the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution is implemented immediately.

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# **Pre- Election Summary**

## **(Tables & Graphs)**

## Alleged Perpetrators of Pre-Election Violence by Area

Date:[23/01/2009 - 13/02/2009]

*Table I*

AREA/PARTY	UPFA	UNP	JVP	JSP	LF	LP	NPP	PNF	RJP	SEP	SLPF	SMBP	UNA	ELPP	ELMS	USP	POLICE	CMEV	IND	PNG	A-Z	TOTAL
<b>CENTRAL</b>																						
<b>Mahanuwara</b>																						
Galagedara	3																			1		4
Harispattuwa	2																			2		4
Patha-Dumbara																						
Udu-dumbara	1		1																			2
Teldeniya	1																			1		2
Kundasale	3	1																				4
Hewaheta																						
Senkadagala	1																			1		2
Mahanuwara	3																			5		8
Yatinuwara	3																			2		5
Udunuwara																						
Gampola	2																					2
Nawalapitiya	1																					1
<b>District Total (Mahanuwara)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>																	<b>12</b>		<b>34</b>
<b>Matale</b>																						
Dambulla	5		1																	5		11
Laggala	1																			3		4
Matale	3																			2		5
Rattota	1																					1
<b>District Total (Matale)</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>1</b>																	<b>10</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>Nuwara Eliya</b>																						
Nuwara-Eliya-Maskeliya	10	2	1																	1		14
Kotmale	1																					1
Hanguranketha		1																				1
Walapane	3																					3
<b>District Total (Nuwara Eliya)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>																	<b>1</b>		<b>19</b>
<b>Province Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>																	<b>23</b>		<b>74</b>
<b>North Western</b>																						
<b>Kurunegala</b>																						
Galgamuwa	2																					2
Nikaweratiya																						
Yapahuwa	6	1																				7
Hiriyala																				1		1
Wariyapola	1																					1
Panduwasnuwara																						
Bingiriya	1																					1
Katugampola	3																					3
Kuliyapitiya	2																					2
Dambadeniya																						
Polgahawela	2																					2
Kurunegala	1																			1		2
Mawathagama	2	1																				3
Dodangaslanda	1																					1
<b>District Total (Kurunegala)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>																		<b>2</b>		<b>25</b>
<b>Puttalam</b>																						
Puttalam	7	2																		3		12
Anamaduwa	1																			2		3
Chilaw	3																					3
Nattandiya	1																					1
Wennappuwa	1																			1		2
<b>District Total (Puttalam)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>																		<b>6</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>Province Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>																		<b>8</b>		<b>46</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>																	<b>31</b>		<b>120</b>

Table II

Geographic Spread of Pre-Election Violence by Type											Date:( 23/01/2009 - 13/02/2009)								
AREA / OFFENCE	Major Incidents										Minor incidents						Total # of Incidents	Remarks	
	Murder	Att. Murder	Hurt	Griev. Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimid.	Misuse of State Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction	Major (Total)	Mischief	Threat	Damage to Property	Election Offence	Others		Minor (Total)	Firearms Involved
<b>CENTRAL</b>																			
<b>Mahanuwara</b>																			
Galagedara			1		1						2	2					2	4	
Harispattuwa			1					1			2	2					2	4	
Patha-Dumbara																			
Udu-dumbara					2						2							2	
Teldeniya					1						1	1					1	2	
Kundasale					2				1		3		1				1	4	
Hewaheta																			
Senkadagala				1							1	1					1	2	1
Mahanuwara			1		3				1		5	3					3	8	
Yatinuwara					1				1		2	3					3	5	
Udunuwara																			
Gampola							1				1	1					1	2	
Nawalapitiya			1								1							1	
<b>District Total (Mahanuwara)</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Matale</b>																			
Dambulla				1	1	2		1			5	2	1	3			6	11	
Laggala								1			1	1	2				3	4	
Matale					2	2					4		1				1	5	
Rattota				1							1							1	
<b>District Total (Matale)</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>				<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>Nuwara Eliya</b>																			
Nuwara-Eliya-			3		5	2			1		11	1	1	1			3	14	1
Kotmale					1						1	1					1	1	
Hanguranketha					1						1							1	1
Walapane			1		1	1					3							3	
<b>District Total (Nuwara Eliya)</b>			<b>4</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Province Total</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>28</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>North Western</b>																			
<b>Kurunegala</b>																			
Galgamuwa				1	1						2							2	
Nikaweratiya																			
Yapahuwa			1		3	1					5		2				2	7	
Hiriyala									1		1							1	
Wariyapola													1				1	1	
Panduwasnuwara																			
Bingiriya			1								1							1	
Katugampola			1								1	2					2	3	
Kuliyapitiya					2						2							2	
Dambadeniya																			
Polgahawela													1				1	2	
Kurunegala				1	1						2							2	
Mawathagama			1		1						2	1					1	3	
Dodangaslanda												1					1	1	
<b>District Total (Kurunegala)</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>Puttalam</b>																			
Puttalam			1		2	2			1		6	4	2				6	12	4
Anamaduwuwa					1						1	2		1			3	4	
Chilaw												2					2	2	
Nattandiya													1				1	1	
Wennappuwa						1					1	1					1	2	
<b>District Total (Puttalam)</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Province Total</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>6</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>7</b>

Table III

Alleged Pre-Election Violence by Party												Date:( 23/01/2009 - 13/02/2009 )						Remarks		
Perpetrators	Major Incidents											Minor Incidents					GRAND TOTAL	Firearms Involved	Poll., Related	
	Murder	Att. Murder	Hurt	Grie. Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse Of state Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction	Major (Total)	Mischief	Threat	Damage to Property	Election Offence	Others				Minor (Total)
UPFA			11	4	22	9		1	3		50	13	10	4	1		28	78	5	
UNP			2		3	1					6	1	1				2	8	2	
JVP					3						3							3		
JSP																				
LF																				
LP																				
NPP																				
PNF																				
RJP																				
SEP																				
SLPF																				
SMBP																				
UNA																				
ELPP																				
ELMS																				
USP																				
POLICE																				
CMEV																				
IND																				
PNG				1	3	2		2	3		11	17	1	2			20	31		
A-Z																				
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>7</b>	

Table IV

Party Affiliations of Perpetrators vs. Complaints Pre-Election Violence															Date:(23/01/2009 - 13/02/2009)							
Comp.by Party/against Party	UPFA	UNP	JVP	JSP	ELMS	LF	LP	NPP	PNF	SEP	SLPF	SMBP	UNA	ELPP	ELMS	USP	POLICE	CMEV	IND	PNG	A-Z	
Complaints by UPFA against	15	7	3																		12	
Complaints by UNP against	38	1																			8	
Complaints by JVP against	22																				8	
Complaints by JSP against																						
Complaints by LF against																					1	
Complaints by LP against																						
Complaints by NPP against																						
Complaints by PNF against																						
Complaints by RJP against																						
Complaints by SEP against																						
Complaints by SLPF against																						
Complaints by SMBP against																						
Complaints by UNA against																						
Complaints by ELPP against																						
Complaints by ELMS against																						
Complaints by USP against																					1	
Complaints by POLICE against																						
Complaints by CMEV against																						
Complaints by IND against	1																					
Complaints by PNG against	2																				1	
Complaints by A-Z against																						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>																		<b>31</b>	
	<b>UPFA</b>	United People's Freedom Alliance										<b>SLPF</b>	Sri Lanka Progressive Front									
	<b>UNP</b>	United National Party										<b>SMBP</b>	Sinhala Mahasammatha Bhoomiputra Pakshaya									
	<b>JVP</b>	Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna(People's Liberation Front)										<b>UNA</b>	United National Alliance									
	<b>JSP</b>	Jathika Sangwardhena Peramuna										<b>ELPP</b>	Eksath Lanka Podujana Pakshaya									
	<b>LF</b>	Left Front										<b>ELMS</b>	Eksath Lanka Maha Sabha									
	<b>LP</b>	The Liberal Party										<b>USP</b>	United Socialist Party									
	<b>NPP</b>	National Peoples Party										<b>IND</b>	INdependent Group									
	<b>PNF</b>	Patriotic National Front										<b>PNG</b>	Parties Not Given									
	<b>RJP</b>	Ruhunu Janatha Party										<b>CMEV</b>	Centre for Monitoring Election Violence									
	<b>SEP</b>	Socialist Equality Party										<b>A-Z</b>	Other Listed Party									

### Total Number of Incidents by Type (120)

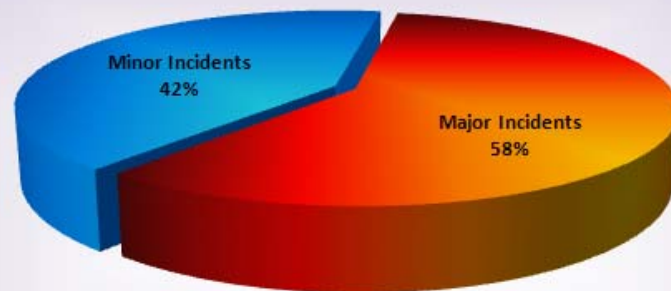


Figure 01

### Major Incidents by Type (70)

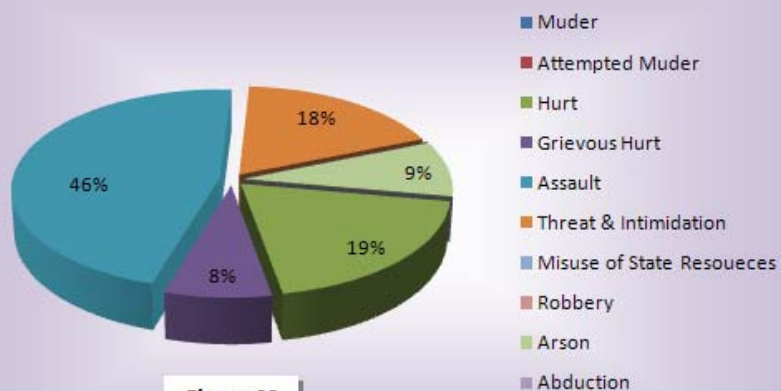


Figure 02

### Minor Incidents by Type (50)

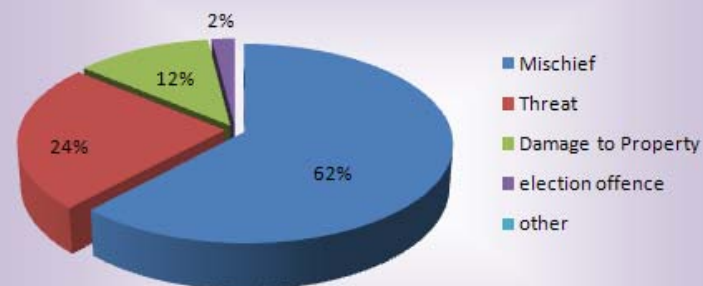


Figure 03



### Total Number of Incidents Alleged Perpetrators by Party (120)

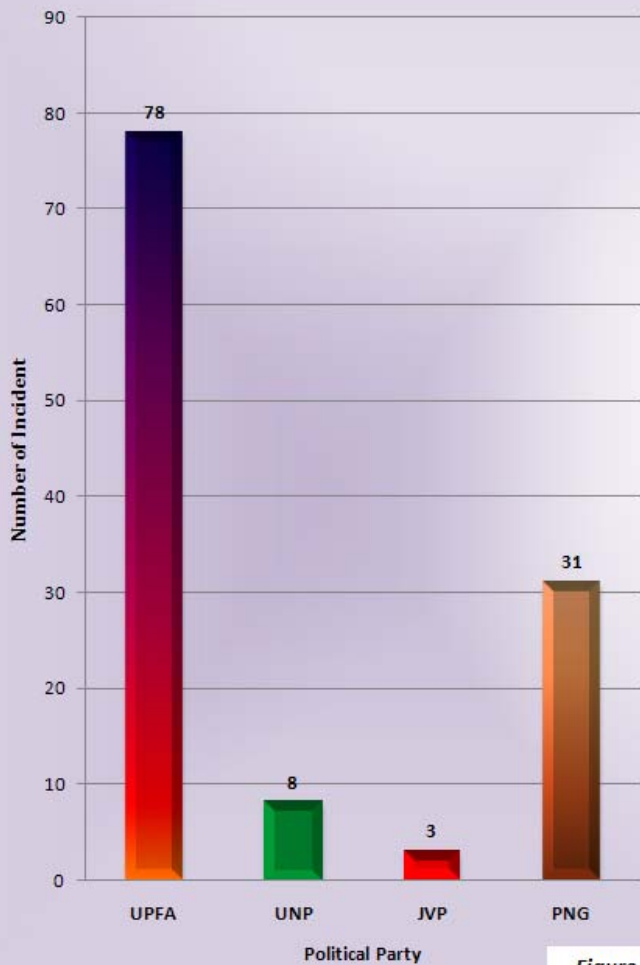


Figure 04

### Major Incidents-Alleged Perpetrators by Party (70)

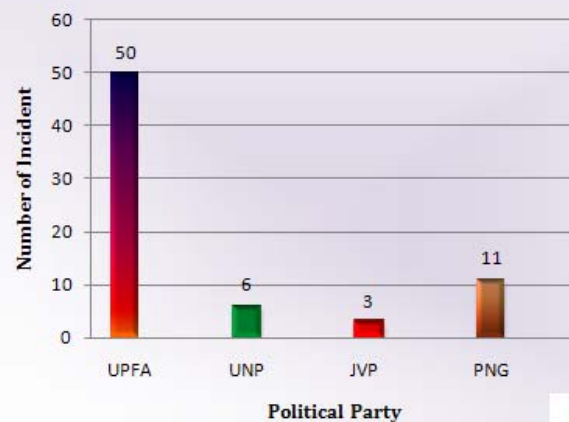


Figure 05

### Minor Incidents-Alleged Perpetrators by Party (50)

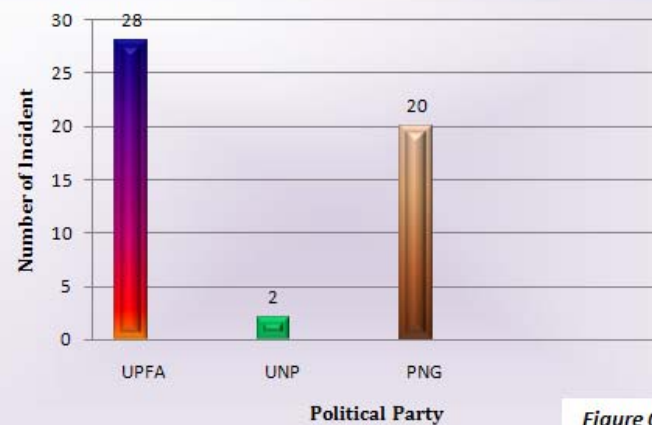
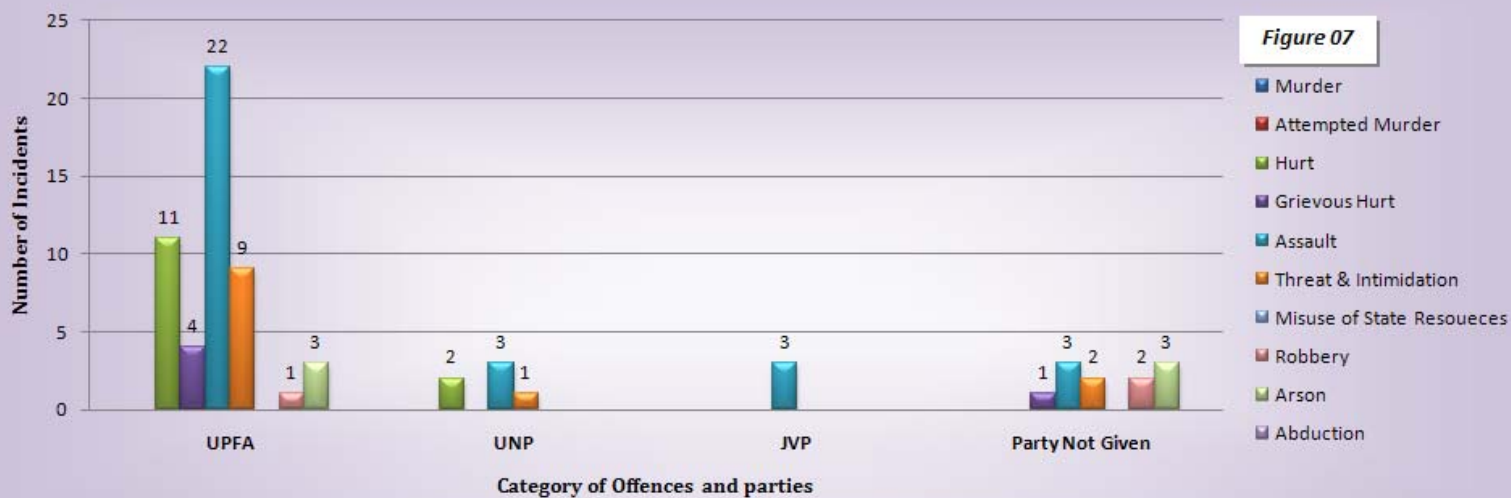
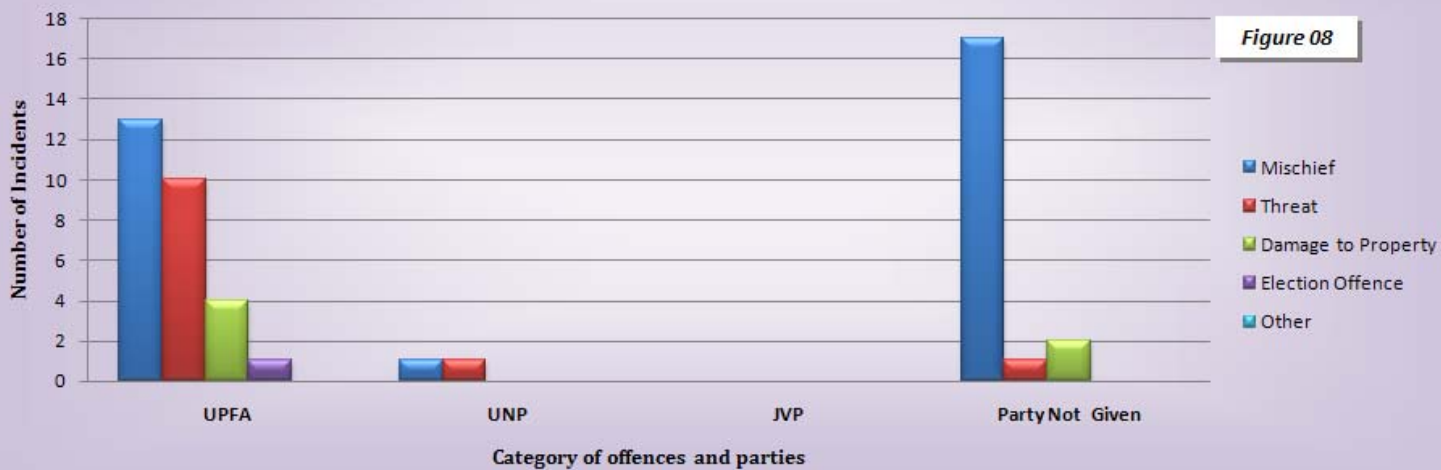


Figure 06

### Profile of Alleged Major Violations by Party



### Profile of Alleged Minor Violations by Party



Complaints Made by UPFA (37)

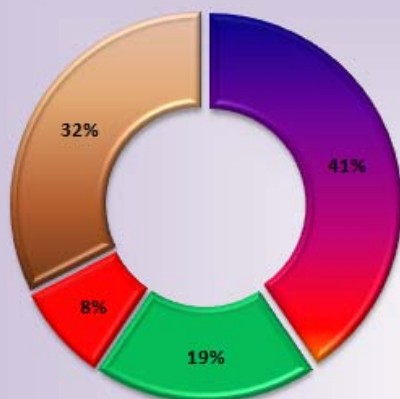


Figure 09

Complaints Made by UNP (47)

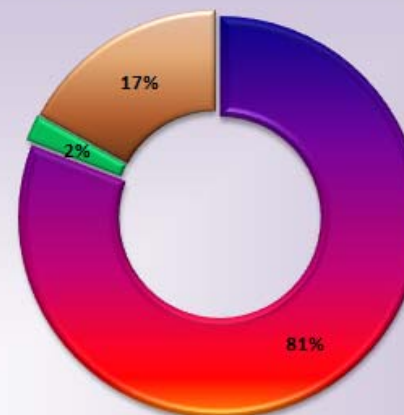


Figure 10

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

Complaints Made by JVP (30)

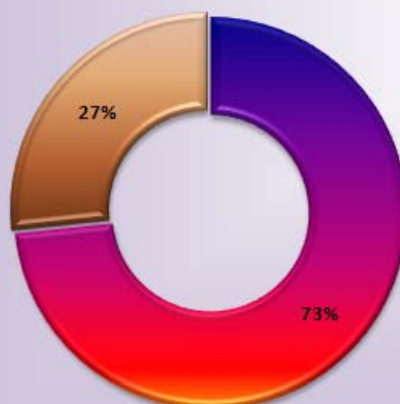


Figure 11

Complaints Made by PNG (03)

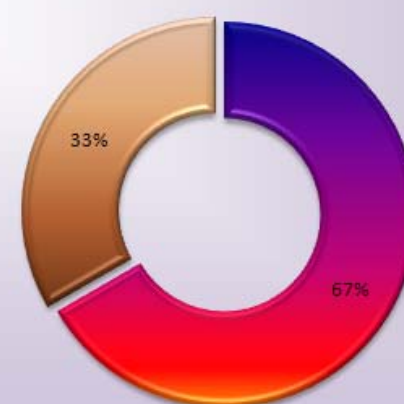


Figure 12

## Offences Reported by District

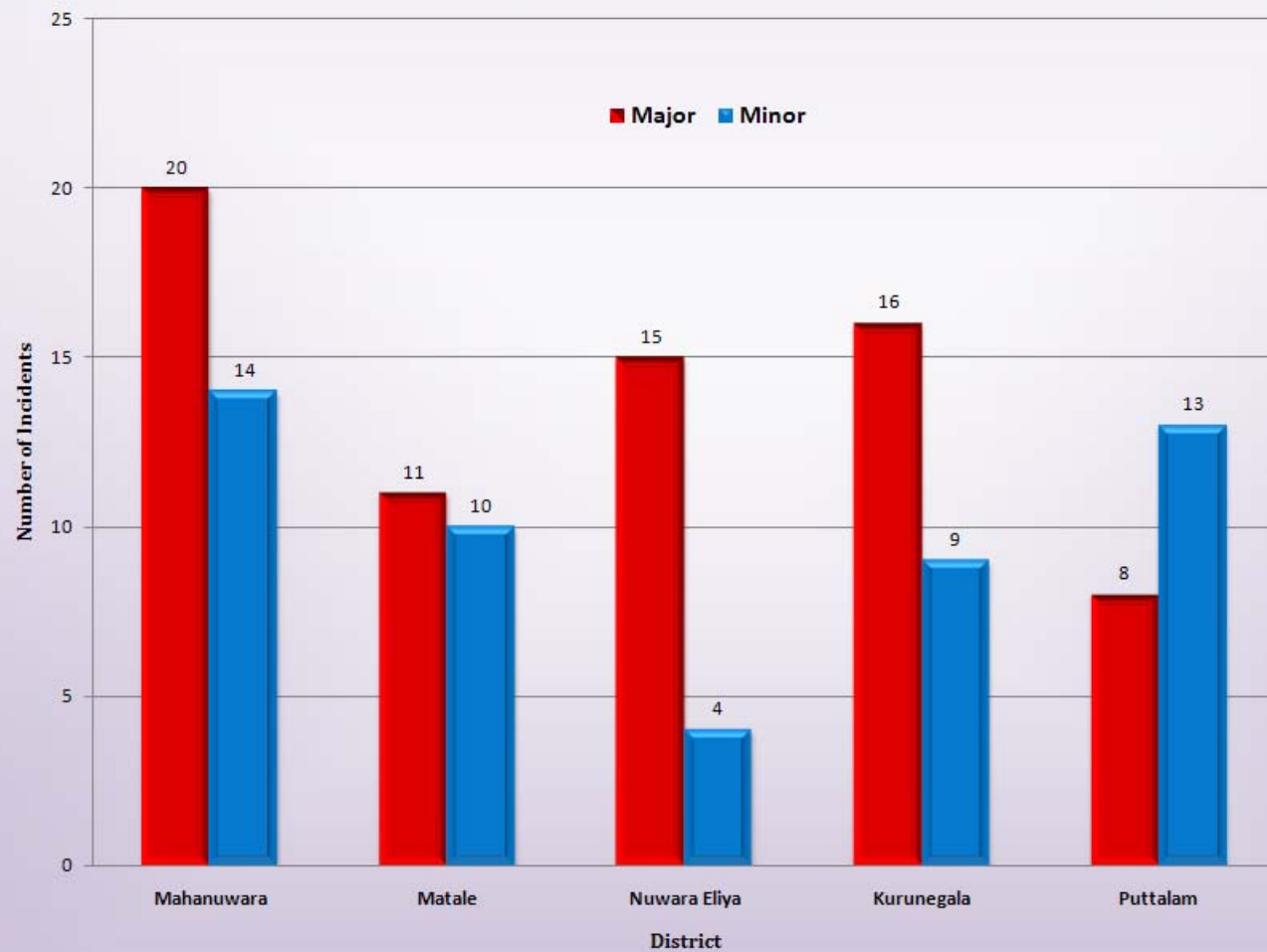


Figure 13

# **Election Day Summary**

## **(Tables & Graphs)**

Table I

Alleged Perpetrators of Election Day Violence by Area																	Date: 14 /02/2009					
AREA/PARTY	UPFA	UNP	JVP	JSP	LF	LP	NPP	PNF	RJP	SEP	SLPF	SMBP	UNA	ELPP	ELMS	USP	POLICE	CMEV	IND	PNG	A-Z	TOTAL
<b>CENTRAL</b>																						
<b>Mahanuwara</b>																						
Galagedara	1		1																	1		3
Harispattuwa	1																			4		5
Patha-Dumbara		1																				1
Udu-dumbara	1																			5		6
Teldeniya																				4		4
Kundasale	2	1																		10		13
Hewaheta			1																	2		3
Senkadagala																				3		3
Mahanuwara	2	3																		2		7
Yatinuwara	1	2																		2		5
Udunuwara																						
Gampola		1																		2		3
Nawalapitiya																				1		1
<b>District Total (Mahanuwara)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>																	<b>36</b>		<b>54</b>
<b>Matale</b>																						
Dambulla	1																			6		7
Laggala																				1		1
Matale		2																		5		7
Rattota	3																			10		13
<b>District Total (Matale)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>																		<b>22</b>		<b>28</b>
<b>Nuwara Eliya</b>																						
Nuwara-Eliya-Maskeliya	3	1															1			6		11
Kotmale																				1		1
Hanguranketha																				7		7
Walapane																				2		2
<b>District Total (Nuwara Eliya)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>															<b>1</b>			<b>16</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>Province Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>														<b>1</b>			<b>74</b>		<b>103</b>
<b>North Western</b>																						
<b>Kurunegala</b>																						
Galgamuwa																				2		2
Nikaweratiya																						
Yapahuwa																						
Hiriyala	2																			17		19
Wariyapola																						
Panduwasnuwara	1																			3		4
Bingiriya																						
Katugampola																						
Kuliyapitiya																						
Dambadeniya	2																					2
Polgahawela																						
Kurunegala		1																		2		3
Mawathagama																				1		1
Dodangaslanda																						
<b>District Total (Kurunegala)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>																		<b>25</b>		<b>31</b>
<b>Puttalam</b>																						
Puttalam	3	1															1			3		8
Anamaduwa	1																			11		12
Chilaw	2																			9		11
Nattandiya	1																					1
Wennappuwa	2		1																	6		9
<b>District Total (Puttalam)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>														<b>1</b>			<b>29</b>		<b>41</b>
<b>Province Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>															<b>2</b>			<b>54</b>		<b>72</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>														<b>2</b>			<b>128</b>		<b>175</b>



Table III

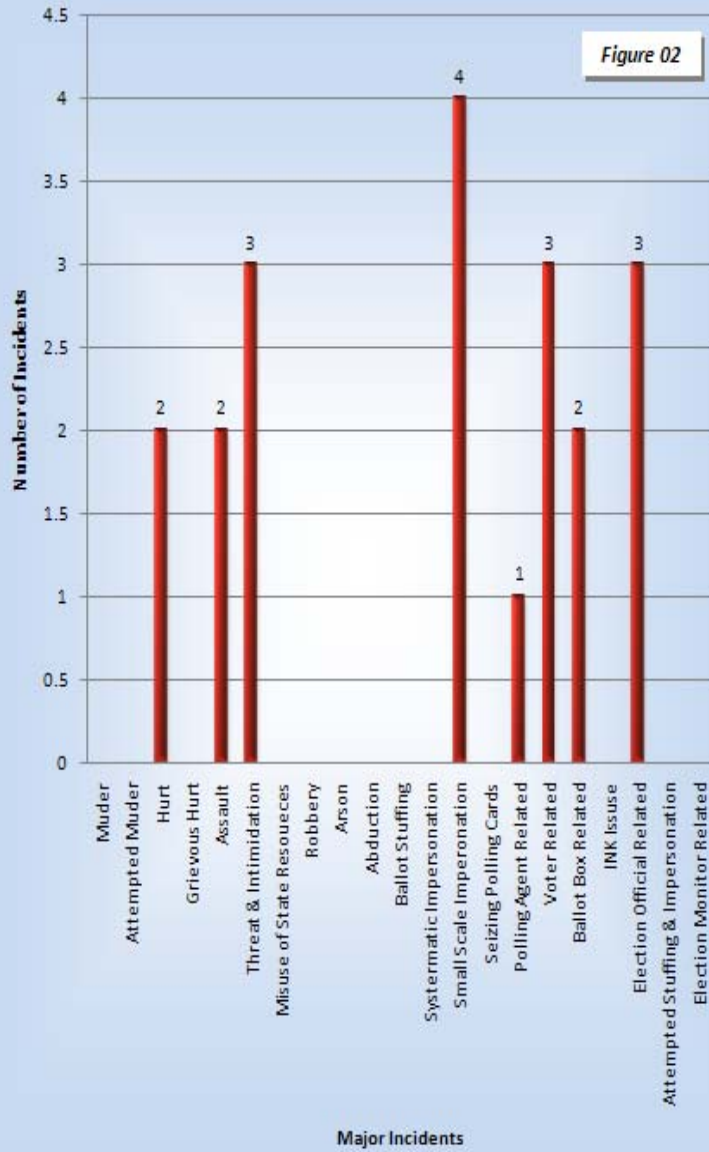
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Perpetrators	Major Incidents																	Minor Incidents							Major (Total)	Mischief	Threat	Intimid. Presense	ID Issue	Damage to Property	Election Offence	Others	Minor (Total)	GRAND TOTAL	Firearms Involved	Poll. Related
	Murder	Att. Murder	Hurt	Grie. Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse Of state Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction	Ballot Stuffing	Sys. Imper	Sml Sci. Imper	Seizing Polling Cards	Poll.Agt Related	Voter Related	Ballot Box Related	INK Issue	Ele. Offl. Related	Att Stuffing & Imper	Ele. Monit. Related	Mischief	Threat	Intimid. Presense												
UPFA			2		1	1										2							8			15		23	29							
UNP												1						1					4			6		10	12							
JVP															1											2		2	3							
JSP																																				
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CMEV																																				
IND																																				
PNG					1	1						3		1	2				1				6	113		1		120	129							
A-Z																																				
TOTAL			2		2	3						4		1	3	2		3					18	113		24		155	175							



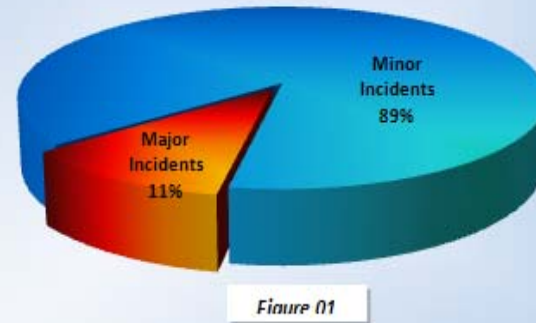
Table IV

Party Affiliations of Perpetrators vs. Complaints Election Day Violence																	Date: 14/02/2009						
Comp.by Party/against Party	UPFA	UNP	JVP	JSP	ELMS	LF	LP	NPP	PNF	SEP	SLPF	SMBP	UNA	ELPP	ELMS	USP	POLICE	CMEV	IND	PNG	A-Z	TOTAL	
Complaints by UPFA against																					1		1
Complaints by UNP against	2																1				5		8
Complaints by JVP against																							
Complaints by JSP against																							
Complaints by LF against																							
Complaints by LP against																							
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Complaints by ELMS against																							
Complaints by USP against																							
Complaints by POLICE against																							
Complaints by CMEV against	26	13	3														1				121		164
Complaints by IND against																					1		1
Complaints by PNG against	1																						1
Complaints by A-Z against																							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>														<b>2</b>				<b>128</b>		<b>175</b>
	<b>UPFA</b>	United People's Freedom Alliance										<b>SLPF</b>	Sri Lanka Progressive Front										
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	<b>PNF</b>	Patriotic National Front										<b>PNG</b>	Parties Not Given										
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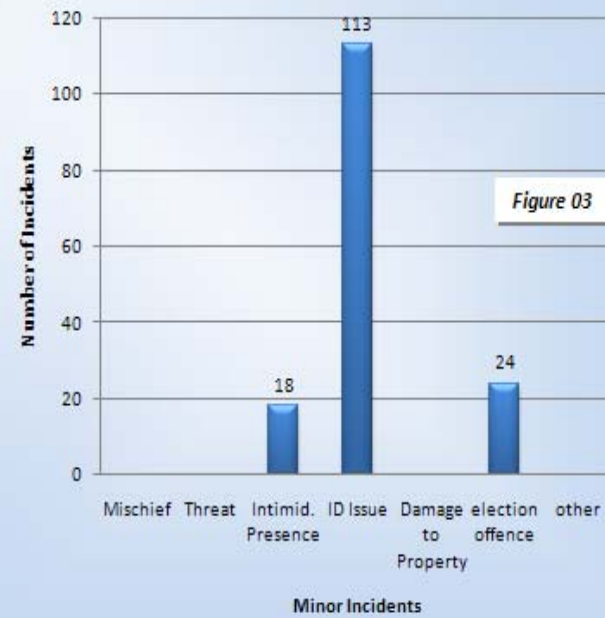
### Major Incidents by Type (20)



### Total Number of Election Day Offences by Type (175)

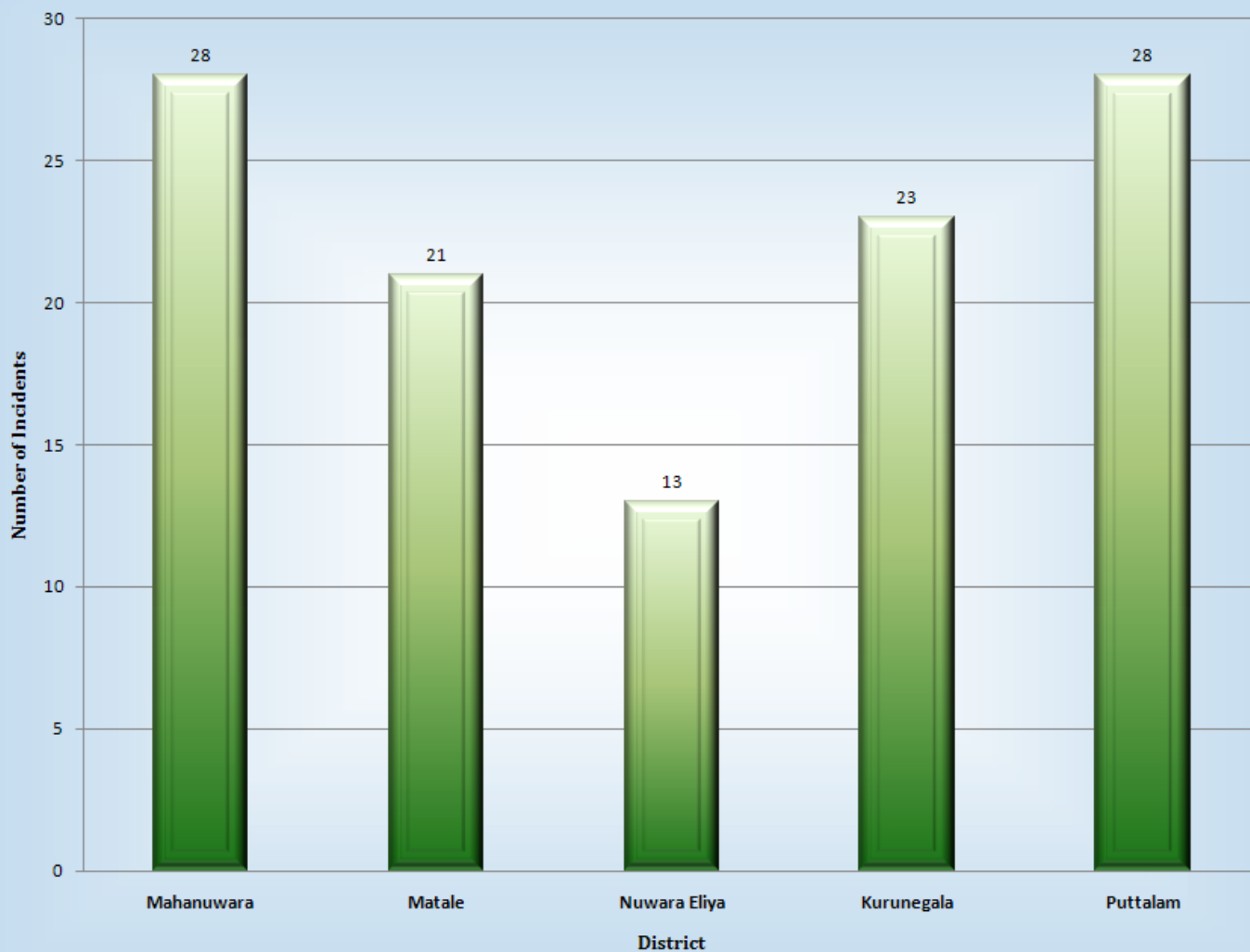


### Minor Incidents by Type (155)



## Number of Voter Identification Related Incidents by District (113) ID Issue\*

Graph II



\*ID Issue: includes the incidents, in which, voters were not allowed to cast their votes due to lack of required identification documents

# **Re-poll Summary**

## **(Tables)**

Table I

Alleged Perpetrators of Violence by Area ( Re-poll )																	Date: 21 /02/2009					
AREA/PARTY	UPFA	UNP	JVP	JSP	LF	LP	NPP	PNF	RJP	SEP	SLPF	SMBP	UNA	ELPP	ELMS	USP	POLICE	CMEV	IND	PNG	A-Z	TOTAL
<b>Puttalam</b>																						
Puttalam	6																			6		12
<b>District Total (Puttalam)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>																	6		12
<b>Province Total</b>	<b>6</b>																			6		12
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>																			6		12

Table II

Geographic Spread of Violence by Type ( Re-poll )																				Date: 21/02/2009														
AREA / OFFENCE	Major Incidents															Minor Incidents							Total # of Incidents	Remarks										
	Murder	Grie. Hurt	Hurt	Grie. Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse of State Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction	Ballot Stuffing	Sys. Imper	Sml Sci. Imper	Seizing Polling Cards	Poll.Agt Related	Voter Related	Ballot Box Related	INK Issue	Ele. Offi. Related	Att Stuffing & Imper	Ele. Monit. Related	Major (Total)		Mischief	Threat	Intimid. Presense	ID Issue	Damage to Property	Election Offence	Others	Minor (Total)	Firearms Involved	Poll. Related	
<b>Puttalam</b>																																		
Puttalam												1							2			3							9		9	12		
<b>District Total (Puttalam)</b>												1						2			3							9		9	12			
<b>Province Total</b>												1						2			3							9		9	12			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>												1						2			3							9		9	12			

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Alleged Violence by Party ( Re-poll )																							Date: 21/02/2009											
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POLICE																						0											0	
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Complaints by CMEV against	6																				6	12					
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Complaints by A-Z against																											
<b>TOTAL</b>	6																				6	12					

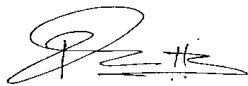
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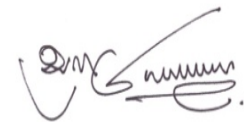
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## Photographs of Incidents



Election Commissioner Mr. Dayananda Disanayake Delivering a Lecture at CMEV Field Monitor Training Programme (Help Age Auditorium Colombo)



Polling Division: Hiriyala  
A burnt vehicle during the pre-election campaign which belongs to the UPFA candidate, H.M.D.B Herath



Polling Division: Yapahuwa  
A UNP supporter, D.M. Ilangarathne, who sustained injuries in a clash between two groups of UNP supporters



Polling Division: Puttalam  
A Vehicle taken into Police custody due to continuous illegal Transportation of Voters during the Re-Poll



Polling Division: Nuwara Eliya-Maskeliya  
A JVP party office damaged due to an arson attack during the pre-election campaign



Polling Division: Yatinuwara  
A burnt vehicle during the pre-election campaign which belongs to UPFA candidate, Evindra Lohan Rathwaththe



Polling Division: Kurunegala  
Illegal Poster Campaign