



CENTRE FOR MONITORING ELECTION VIOLENCE

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## Presidential Election 2019 – Election Day Communiqué 1

### Incidents on election day upto 10a.m.

Today on polling day, CMEV is deploying: – 650+ observers at polling centres – 70+ counting observers at counting centres – 100+ mobile observers – 82 field monitors – and a team of 35 reporting, operations and mobile team operators at its Colombo HQ.

Voting commenced at 7a.m. The following incidents are those received and confirmed by CMEV's field monitors stationed at polling centres across the country.

A total of 69 incidents of election-related violations have been reported thus far, with illegal campaigning and intimidation being the most prevalent. Further information on these incidents and the locations in which they took place can be found in the graphs below.

- CMEV can confirm that there are no roadblocks at present operating in the Pallai division, and that voting is underway in polling centres.
- CMEV received reports that at the Kataragama President's Central College polling centre in Moneragala District, Pradeshiya Sabha chair Chanaka Amil Rangana and MP H.R.N. Dasun were attempting to influence voters to vote for the SLPP
- CMEV confirms incident this morning of a convoy of buses carrying voters being obstructed by burnt tires, pelted by stones & shot at by unidentified persons, in Thanthirimalai in Anuradhapura district. No reported injuries. Police are investigating
- CMEV has received multiple reports of voters at polling centres in Buddhist temples, including the Rambukkana Raja Maha Vihara in Bandaragama, being influenced to vote in particular ways by monks tying pirith strings.
- CMEV has received reports that Sri Lanka Podujana Party supporters were seen transporting voters to the polling station at Borapola Maha Vidyalaya, Ampara.
- Use of chits promoting candidates and various political messages is widespread across the island. Incidents of this nature have been reported in Dobagahawela, Kotte, Kirapana, Pitigama, Matale and Theldeniya.

## Election-Related Violations (By Type)

Presidential Election 2019

Update #1 – 7:00AM-10:00AM

Violation Type	Number
Assaults	1
Election office related	1
Election offences	6
Illegal Campaigning	33
Illegal Offices	1
Posters and Cutouts	6
Intimidation	15
Misuse of state resources	2
Others	2
Poll Agent Related	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>



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## Election-Related Violations (By District)

Presidential Election 2019

Update #1 – 7:00AM-10:00AM

Violation Type	Number
Anuradhapura	5
Badulla	1
Colombo	2
Digamadulla	3
Galle	1
Gampaha	6
Hambanthota	4
Jaffna	1
Kaluthara	3
Kandy	4
Kegalle	5
Kurunegala	6
Matale	2
Matara	10
Moneragala	5
Nuwara Eliya	1
Puttalam	6
Ratnapura	1
Trincomalee	1
Vanni	2
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## Election-Related Violations (By Party)

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Party		Number
	Sri Lanka Podu Jana Peramuna (SLPP)	49
	New Democratic Front (DNF)	14
	National People's Power (NPP)	1
	Party not determined	3
	Government Official	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>



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