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Parliamentary General Election 2020 – Election Day Communiqué 3

Incidents on Election Day up to 5 p.m. and the close of polls


CMEV recorded a total of 301 election violations up to 5 p.m. 151 of these related to illegal campaigning while intimidation/influencing (57) and illegal posters/cutouts (21) were also prominent.






The following incidents are specific incidents received and confirmed by CMEV's field monitors stationed at polling stations across the country:


- CMEV received reports that 60 All Ceylon Tamil Congress supporters had arrived at ITAK supporter J Kishanthan's house in Kalmunai, Digamadulla district at 9PM on Aug 4, assaulted several persons there & damaged property. Two persons have been hospitalised
- CMEV received reports that a SLPP supporter was distributing a chit bearing numbers of the party's Gampaha district candidates along with a rambutan to voters at the Ganhinigama North Community Hall polling centre in the Dompe
- Numerous candidates continued to run ads on Facebook despite the campaigning prohibition on Election Day
- It was reported to CMEV that Madolsima police arrested a boy aged 14 for providing transport services to voters to the Kohenewala Sinhala Vidyalaya polling station in Passara, Badulla district by a lorry. Later, the boy was released on bail on the grounds that he is under 18. The OIC of the police informed that they will report this matter to the court
- It was reported to CMEV that Bogahakumbura Police arrested a group of persons with a van who were distributing leaflets for Badulla SJB candidate Chaminda Wijesiri. The Police will produce the suspects at the nearest Magistrate tomorrow.
- It was reported to CMEV that SLPP Pradeshiya Sabha members including Suresh Warnasooriya had lighted firecrackers within 50m of the Kobeigane Sri Parakrama Vidyalaya polling station in Nikaweatiya, Kurunegala district.
- There were a number of incidences of votes being recorded as already being cast when a voter arrived at the polling station. A number of affected persons were given dual ballot papers and allowed to vote after giving statements. Some went onto lodge complaints with the Election Commission.

Further information on the types, perpetrating parties and locations of the incidents CMEV has recorded is detailed in the charts below:

Election-Related Violations (By Type)	
Parliamentary General Election 2020	
Update ③: 7:00AM-5:00PM	
Violation Type	Number
Bribery	1
Election Offence	17
Election Officer Related	10
Health Guidelines Violations	15
Illegal Campaigning	151
Illegal Posters/Cutouts	21
Intimidation/Influencing	57
Assaults	3
Offering Goods	7
Others	8
Voter Related	11
TOTAL	301

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Election-Related Violations (By Party)	
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Update ③: 7:00AM-5:00PM	
Party	Number
 Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP)	150
 Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB)	34
 United National Party (UNP)	17
 National People's Power (NPP)	5
 Illankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi (ITAK)	12
Others	31
Party Not Determined	15
Public Officials/Police	37
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Election-Related Violations (By District)

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District	Number
Anuradhapura	10
Badulla	20
Batticaloa	7
Colombo	8
Digamadulla	9
Galle	19
Gampaha	15
Hambantota	10
Jaffna	20
Kaluthara	8
Kandy	34
Kegalle	21
Kurunegala	23
Matale	8
Matara	21
Monaragala	8
Nuwara Eliya	3
Polonnaruwa	6
Puttalam	15
Ratnapura	18
Trincomalee	7
Vanni	11
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