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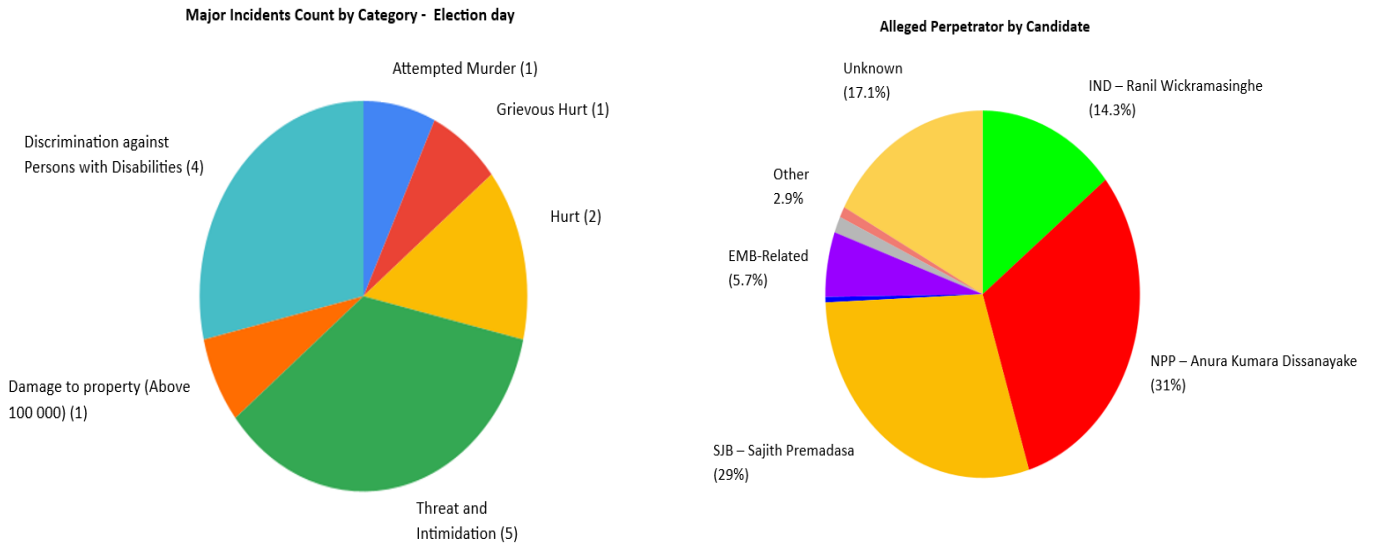
Presidential Election 2024:
Preliminary Report on Election Day (21 September 2024)

Quantitative Overview of Election Day Incidents:

CMEV confirms that the overall voting environment on election day was relatively peaceful, although it has recorded 223 incidents of varying seriousness across the country. The highest number of complaints were received from the Western (46), Central (31), North Central (31), Southern (29) and Uva (25) provinces, with the Anuradhapura (21), Colombo (21), Moneragala (16), Kalutara (15) and Kandy (15) districts being the worst affected. At a more granular level, significant vilations were recorded from the electoral divisions of Medirigiriya (09), Dehiwala (08), Nuwara Eliya (08), Wellawaya (08), Akuressa (07), Horowpathana (07) Kesbewa (07), Panadura (07), Nawalapitiya (6), Kalkuda (06), Batticaloa (06) and Ratnapura (06).

Province	District	Major Incidents	Minor Incidents	Election Violations	District Total	Provincial Total
Western Province	Colombo	04	--	17	21	46
	Gampaha	--	--	10	10	
	Kalutara	01	01	13	15	
Central Province	Mahanuwara	03	01	11	15	31
	Matale	--	--	04	04	
	Nuwara-Eliya	--	--	12	12	
Southern Province	Galle	01	01	10	12	29
	Matara	01	02	10	13	
	Hambantota	--	--	04	04	
Northern Province	Jaffna	--	--	02	02	08
	Vanni	--	--	06	06	
Eastern Province	Batticaloa	--	--	11	11	17
	Digamadulla	--	--	--	00	
	Trincomalee	--	--	06	06	
North Western Province	Kurunegala	01	--	11	12	18
	Puttalam	--	--	06	06	
North Central Province	Anuradhapura	--	--	20	20	30
	Polonnaruwa	01	--	09	10	
Uva Province	Badulla	01	--	08	09	25
	Moneragala	01	--	15	16	
Sabaragamuwa Province	Ratnapura	--	--	11	11	19
	Kegalle	--	--	08	08	
Total		14	05	204		223

The most troubling violence includes 01 act each of attempted murder and grievous hurt, 02 incidents of hurt and 05 of threat and intimidation, and 04 complaints of discrimination against persons with disabilities. Among the much longer list of election offences, intimidatory presence in the vicinity of the polling centres dominated in terms of potential impact with 28 reports, as did the related offence of illegal campaigning (55). Hence, while there is cause for satisfaction with the election overall, these major acts of violence would have clearly had a negative impact on voters in the areas where they occurred.



Incident Category	Geographical location
Attempted Murder	Kuliyapitiya
Grievous Hurt	Bibile
Hurt	Nawalapitiya , Bibile
Threat and Intimidation	Awissavella , Dehiwala(3), Yatinuwara
Damage to property (Above 100 000)	Medirigiriya
Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities	Akuressa, Pathadumbara , Rathgama, Horana

In relation to the total of 223 violations, supporters of three candidates Anura Kumara Dissanayake (31.0%), Sajith Premadasa (29.0%) and Ranil Wickremasinghe (14.3%) have been reported as allegedly responsible. Other candidates have negligible involvement in the violence and violations as reported to CMEV.

A more detailed account of the impact of these and other incidents will be included in the comprehensive analysis which will be contained in CEMV’s Final Report on the Presidential Election 2024, to be released on 01 October 2024.

Summary of Election Day:

It is the considered view of CMEV that the incidents of violence and other violations reported during the 2024 presidential election of 21 September 2024 did not compromise the integrity of the election. Hence, given the relatively peaceful and calm environment that has prevailed thus far in the immediate post-election stage, it is unclear why an islandwide curfew has been declared because this may create a sense of anxiety, even panic, among the public, while inconveniencing many. CMEV urges patience, restraint and consideration of others in order to ensure a calm and peaceful conclusion to this process.

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