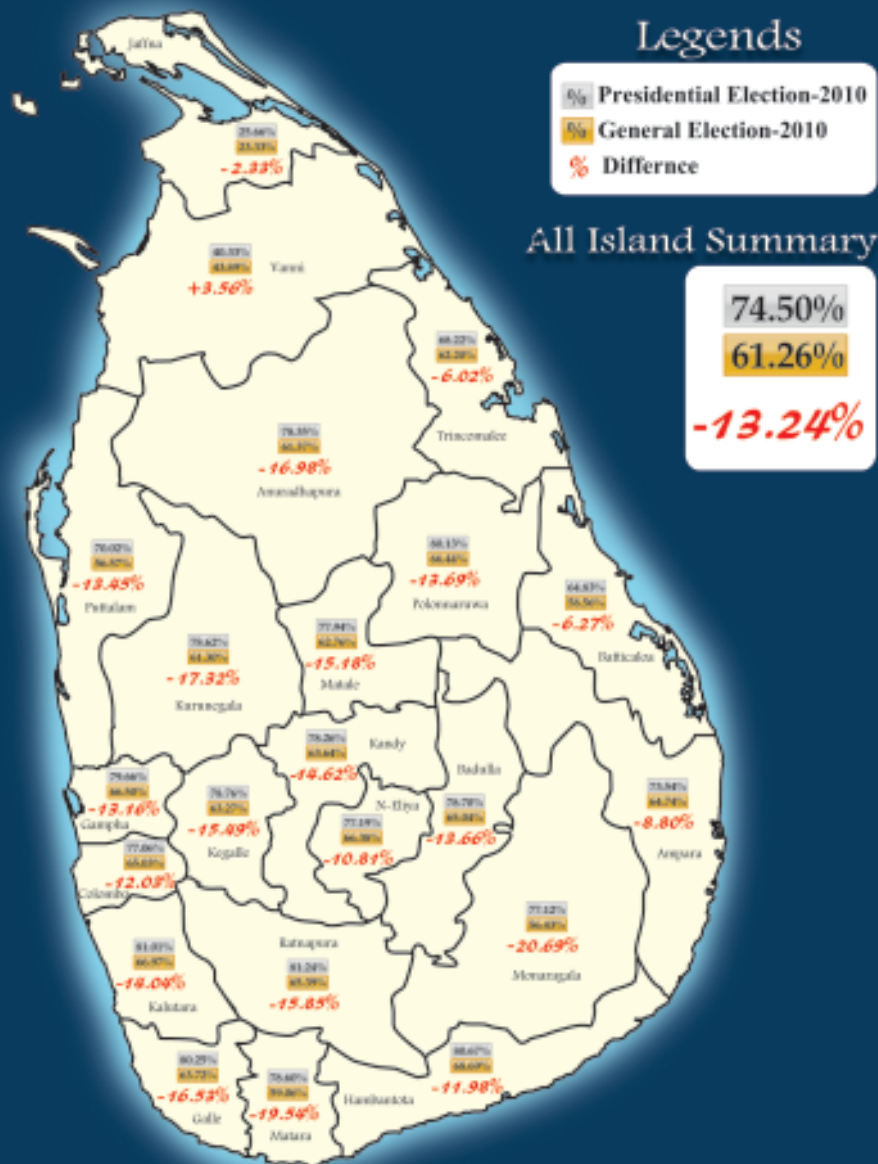


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## Post-election violence map of Parliamentary Elections, 2010



## Comparison of voter turn-out (Presidential Election 2010 - Parliamentary General Election 2010)



**Parliamentary Election  
April 2010**

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## Executive Summary

### Introduction

Following his landslide victory in the Presidential Election of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010, President Mahinda Rajapaksha dissolved Parliament with effect from midnight of the 09<sup>th</sup> February 2010 by the Gazette (Extraordinary) No 1640/16 proclaimed on the same day. The date of the General Election was fixed as the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

Nominations for the General Election were opened from 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. Four mainstream political alliances contested the election – the United People’s Freedom Alliance (UPFA) which consisted of 11 political parties and a faction of the SLMC, the United National Front (UNF) consisting of 04 political parties, the Democratic National Alliance (DNA) comprising the Janatha Vimukti Peremuna (JVP) and General (Rtd) Sarath Fonseka’s Group, and the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) made up of 03 political parties contesting under the symbol and name of the Illankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi (ITAK). In all, 36 political parties and 301 independent groups duly qualified to contest the election.

Whilst 14,088,500 voters, according to the Electoral Register of 2008, were registered to vote at 11,102 polling centres throughout the island for the April 08<sup>th</sup> General Election, the voter turn-out on Polling Day was a total of 8,630,689 or 61.26%. This constituted a decrease of 1,864,762 votes or 13.23% compared to the January 2010 Presidential Election conducted on the basis of the same Electoral Register.

The ruling United Peoples’ Freedom Alliance (UPFA) obtained 4,846,388 or 60.33% votes recording a 2,489,331 or 28.84% majority of the votes

cast. While the UPFA obtained 144 seats including 17 National List seats, opposition parties were able to win 81 seats -UNF 60, TNA 14 and DNA 07. Results of 34 polling stations in the Nawalapitiya Electorate of the Kandy District and one polling station in Trincomalee were annulled by the Commissioner of Elections with a date for re-polling in these stations set thereafter. Annulment was on account of reports of violence and malpractice on Election Day. CMEV made a written complaint to the Commissioner of Elections requesting him to take action regarding incidents of violence and malpractice before polls closed on Election Day. Under heavy security, re-polling was conducted in these centres on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

### CMEV Monitoring

CMEV fielded 163 Electorate monitors and 22 district coordinators to monitor the election violence and malpractice as well as misuse of state resources and power during the election campaign, 4 weeks prior to the Election Day. Additional 150 static observers stationed at selected postal voting centres on both postal vote marking days (25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2010). On the election day, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, in addition to the District Coordinators and Electorate monitors, CMEV also stationed 3,629 trained static observers to polling stations identified as sensitive in nature and deployed 60 mobile teams which consisted 2 observers who had previous experience in election monitoring and 6 international observers to the areas prone to violence. CMEV also stationed 22 observers at District result releasing centres. In addition to that, 52 individual staff members including 30 permanent staff deployed at CMEV Colombo Secretariat. CMEV Electorate Monitors and District coordinators continued their monitoring activities another one week after the election to monitor the post election violence and political revenge against defeated political parties and their supporters.

During the campaign period, CMEV recorded a cumulative total of 413 verified incidents of which 231 incidents were major including 55 incidents with firearms involved. 86 incidents of Intra party incidents and 49 instances of verified state property misuses for electioneering were reported. In the postal vote marking 25 irregularities were recorded by the CMEV. CMEV observed a total of 6,972 or 64% polling stations on the Election Day and recorded 524 incidents of violence and irregularities relevant to the polling station. During the post election a total number of 17 incidents were recorded of which 12 were categorized as major. CMEV received confirmed reports that the actual number of the post election violence would be higher than the reported number of incidents as the victims are reluctant to reveal the information on the ground of their personal security.

CMEV extended its monitoring programme to monitor re-poll at 34 polling stations in Nawalapitiya and at one polling station in Tricomalee where the election was marred by high level of violence and irregularities. 35 expert static observers and 6 mobile teams were deployed on the re-poll day to cover 100% of the polling stations.

CMEV successfully tested out SMS data collection in the parliamentary election. CMEV was the pioneer organization in testing this SMS data collection method in Sri Lanka. CMEV was able to use the SMS system successfully for collecting information from polling centres and mobile teams while the polling was open. The system, which needs further improvement, received approximately 4,500 SMSs from the field regarding voter turnout in centres during the course of the day. In the re-poll at Nawalapitiya, the system generated accurate turnout at the end of polls.

CMEV, as usual, ran a public interest media campaign in printed media in all three languages. CMEV also put up posters and hoardings against electoral violence in prominent locations throughout the island. CMEV uploaded the election related incidents to the Google map and put up all of its communiques and other reports to its dedicated blog - <http://cmev.worldpress.com/>

Although the role of election commissioner in the presidential election was extremely controversial as he was reluctant to exercise his powers to the extent guaranteed by the constitution, failure to acknowledge and address the alleged incidents of assaults and intimidation of counting centre agents of the opposition political parties and unable to corroborate his on and off statements resulted in reduced public trust and confidence on the integrity of the electoral process, voters and political parties had again to anticipate a free and fair election from the same officeholder. Consequent to that, a huge demand was raised by the public, media, civil society and the political parties particularly from the opposition parties to closely monitor the election. Precisely there was a demand from the civil society to the Commissioner of Elections to open the counting process to the independent observers given the allegations in the immediate presidential election nevertheless, the Election Commissioner refused to admit the Election Monitors and into the counting centres and limited the access to the District Result Releasing Centre.

## Issues Identified

The glory after the military defeat of the LTTE particularly in the southern parts of Sri Lanka and the landslide victory in the last presidential election set a comfortable position and a foregone conclusion in the parliamentary election for the ruling party alliance nevertheless the

context for a free and fair election was marred by the redundant activities allegedly by the ruling party including punitive transfers and interdictions of police officers who worked independently in the presidential election, attack on media institutions and personals, unexpected arrests, detention and false litigation against expected strong candidates from the opposition and their supporters.

Pre-election campaign period was deeply flawed by violence and malpractice against opposition candidates and their supporters as well as intra party violence. Including 1 murder, a total of 231 major incidents of violence that can be penalised in the court of Law under the penal code of Sri Lanka were recorded by CMEV. Repeated incidents of grievous hurts, hurts and assaults executed against supporters and candidates of opposition party were recorded in the districts of Nuwara-Eliya, Puttulam, Badulla, Matara and Batticaloa. Intensified intra-party violence among ruling party candidates as a result of the competition to be at a comfortable place with highest number of preferential vote in the victory list of UPFA, was the main catalyst to increase pre election violence. Accordingly, the highest number of intra party violence within the UPFA were recorded from Puttulam, Ampara and Kaluthara on the Election Day, in most districts of the island relatively a violence free environment prevailed whilst several electoral divisions of Puttulam, Kandy, Kurunegala and Gampaha districts recorded a high tense situation at polling stations. The voting of 34 polling stations at

Nawalapitiya in Kandy district was annulled due to violence allegedly carried out by a politician of UPFA and his supporters at polling stations. the real number of seriously flawed polling stations in Nawalapitiya could be double in numbers, CMEV has no proof of evidence as supporters of UPFA candidate Mahindananda Aluthgamage had threatened CMEV

monitor and forcefully snatched all collected reports from his possession. CMEV underscores the fact that violence perpetrated during the campaign impacts adversely on polling day by setting a context for an ostensibly violence free election day in favour of those who have perpetrated violence with the impunity during the campaign. Less violence on the Election Day alone, therefore, does not connote a free and fair election.

If it is believed that preferential voting system strengthens the multi-party system and representation of minority groups, given the context of violence it is an evident that the system increases the level of violence and malpractice whenever electoral integrity tools such as code of conducts for candidates, strict Law enforcement against electoral violence and an independent police and investigative system are absent. Flagrant misuse of state property for electoral campaign by UPFA candidates was extensive throughout the campaign and responsible authorities were seen willingly abstained to prevent that. Government buildings, vehicles, staff of the government institutions, public funds and development programs lamentably abused for their private election campaign by not only the incumbent ministers but also young new UPFA candidates too. In two occasions CMEV received reports that a chopper belonging to the Ministry of Defense was used for private election campaign. Absence of legal requirements for disclosure of the source of political party funding, restrictions on campaigning expenses and auditing procedures in the electoral law of Sri Lanka as well as outdated provisions for penalty in electoral violence are encouraging factors of public property misuse.

Whilst the Commissioner of Elections is empowered with gamut of constitutionally guaranteed powers to ensure fair playing field for every

candidate through appointing competent authority to oversee the state controlled media during the elections, repeatedly Sri Lankan society experienced unashamed utilization of the state controlled media to disgrace the characters of opposition candidates for the advantage of the ruling party of the time. The election commissioner was reluctant to exercise his powers to ensure the integrity of electoral process. Likewise, private media or persons who supported opposition candidates or criticised the ruling party candidates not only confronted outrageous attacks by political thugs but also their right to a fair investigation was also overwhelmed by the political interferences.

Following the presidential election and prior to the parliamentary election, print media reported number of police officers including 18 DIGs were transferred unprecedentedly. 8 police officers had filed fundamental rights cases naming the defence secretary, who is a brother of the president, Gotabaya Rajapaksha, as one of the respondents against unjust interdiction of their service. CMEV learnt that HQI Kurunegala, CI Mangala Wikramanayaka who arrested a Navy vehicle which was carrying large number of defaming posters of opposition presidential candidate, Sarath Fonseka during the presidential election campaign period was among the interdicted officers and others also were who performed their duties impartially during the presidential election. As usual, Election Commissioner's repeated requests to remove illegal banners and cut outs especially displayed by the ruling party candidates island wide were seen not taken in to consideration until the last moment of the campaign.

Given the context in which parliamentary election was held, intrinsically implied that impartial police service is not allowed prior to and during the elections. the election commissioner had no real control over the police as vested on him by the 17<sup>th</sup> amendment to the constitution. CMEV

recorded and highlighted many cases which were not complained to the police as people had no trust about the police and some of OICs had explicitly supported ruling party candidates.

Some of internationally accepted fundamental standards still to be introduced to the Sri Lankan electoral system. No provisions/facilities have been made to assure the right to vote of number of groups including those who are employed in overseas and election monitors. Still only the police, three forces essential service staff and election staff can vote by post.

CMEV reported number of cases in which a considerable number of voters who are entitled to vote by post were deprived from their right to vote due the irresponsibility of their supervising officers who are totally responsible to send their applications on due time to the respective Assistant Election Commissioner .

Counting process is still not transparent enough and election monitors have been not allowed observe the counting process. Independent observers should be allowed to monitor the whole counting process by which only they would be able to comment on the integrity of the entire electoral process; a system that has been practiced in many countries including Indonesia, Bangladesh and United Kingdom.

The important role of independent observers in a democratic electoral process is still to be identified and recognized in Sri Lanka and the necessary protection for them yet to be assured by the police. In many occasions, monitors who reported electoral violence and malpractices of ruling party candidates were threatened and obstructed to their duties. The camera of CMEV's Nikaweratiya monitor when he was taking pictures

of a damaged house was snatched by an unidentified person who came by a vehicle reportedly belonging to a ruling party candidate and investigation is abandoned by the police. CMEV monitor at Nawalapitiya was threatened and his all documents were snatched on the Election Day. He voluntarily abstained to lodge a complaint at the local police, as there was no trust on police and concerning his personal security after the election.

### **CMEV does recommendations with regard to improve electoral integrity in the country as follows.**

- 1) The Election Commission should be established with full gamut of powers vested in it by the constitution, election laws and 17<sup>th</sup> amendment to the constitution and the law relating to the powers and function of a Competent Authority. Mechanism of appointing election commission should be revised as to be able to function without political interference instead of appointed them by the president as proposed in the 18<sup>th</sup> amendment.
- 2) The police should investigate the complaints of election related violence and take appropriate action according to the law against the proven perpetrators. They should also provide the election commission and the public with the progress report on their investigation.
- 3) The election laws should be revised and provisions pertaining to party funding and election campaign expenses auditing and electronic campaigning should be included.
- 4) Political parties should demonstrate their commitment to a violence and malpractice free electoral politics by denying nomination for proved perpetrators of violence.
- 5) A commonly agreed electoral code of ethic should be introduced for political parties and their candidates.
- 6) The independent observers should be allowed to monitor the entire process of conduct of election precisely the counting process which is the critical part of the process.
- 7) Information relating to voter identification documentation should be widely publicized well in advance to the polling day and registration of persons department should ensure to provide valid Identification document well in advance in order to assure the effective service delivery a collaborative mechanism should be established bet the Election Department and the registration of Persons Department.
- 8) Security of independent observers should be assured by the police and duty of Monitors should be respected by all political parties.

### Financial Report for General Election 2010

Project Name : Monitoring Election Violence  
Project Period : From : 01 March 2010 To: 31 July 2010

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET Rs.	ACTUAL Rs.
	<b>Receipts</b>		
	National Democratic Institute (NDI)	17,599,748.00	15,705,828.80
	British High Commission ( B/F from PE -2010)	1,107,853.10	1,107,853.10
	The Royal Netherlands Embassy	13,000,000.00	10,400,000.00
	Commonwealth Of Australia - AUS AID	3,000,000.00	3,102,950.00
	U.S. Department Of State (B/F from PE -2010)	5,960,179.20	5,960,179.20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>40,627,780.30</b>	<b>36,276,811.10</b>

#### Payment

#### 1. Head Office Expenditures (Wages)

1.1	National Coordinator	340,000.00	425,000.00
1.2	North and East Coordinator	210,000.00	237,150.00
1.3	Admin and Logistic Coordinator	180,000.00	133,333.00
1.4	Operation & training Coordinator	240,000.00	267,600.00
1.5	Tabulation and Data Coordinator	240,000.00	227,000.00
1.6	Accountant	90,000.00	180,000.00
1.7	Account Assistants	960,000.00	366,200.00
1.8	Province Coordinators	720,000.00	1,095,411.00
1.9	Assistant Province Coordinators	720,000.00	380,000.00
1.10	Field Coordinators	180,000.00	80,000.00
1.11	Media Coordinator	60,000.00	86,670.00
1.12	Assistant Media team	80,000.00	-
1.13	Report writer	80,000.00	20,000.00
1.14	Data entry Assistants	160,000.00	66,666.00
1.15	Clerical and Office Assistant	90,000.00	66,150.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,350,000.00</b>	<b>3,631,186.00</b>

#### 2. Head Office Expenditures (Others)

	<b>Office Expenses</b>		
2.1	Office Rent	300,000.00	-
2.2	Electricity	400,000.00	324,293.72
2.3	Internet	30,000.00	34,638.24
2.4	Communication	450,000.00	283,763.37
2.5	Security Charges	90,000.00	153,400.80
2.6	Janitorial Services	75,000.00	183,000.97
2.7	Water	45,000.00	36,975.19
2.8	Office maintenance	75,000.00	113,722.89
	<b>Office Equipment Expenses</b>		
2.9	Equipment up grade & Maintenance	100,000.00	128,379.21
2.10	Photocopier Hire charge	200,000.00	-



<b>Printing, Stationery &amp; Resource Materials</b>		
2.11	Resource Materials (News Newspapers, Gazettes)	42,812.00
2.12	Stationery	293,267.60
2.13	Printing for data collection sheets and	69,543.75
	<b>Other Expenses</b>	
2.15	Translation Charges (News Bulletin)	13,981.00
2.18	Travel in Colombo	432,672.50
2.19	Field Coordinators Travel (Mid campaign visit)	8,560.00
2.20	Food and Login for field trips	249,183.50
2.21	Insurance for Colombo Office	19,739.03
2.22	Incidental Expenses (Trouble Showing in the field)	39,250.00
2.23	Refreshments Expenses	288,204.13
2.24	Medical expenses	22,616.20
2.25	General	226,312.68
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,964,316.78</b>
<b>3. Field Expenditures (Wages)</b>		
3.1	District Coordinators	648,000.00
3.2	Electronic Monitors	3,800,000.00
3.3	Election Day Monitors' allowances	4,500,000.00
3.4	Allowances for Election Monitors' Assistants (election day)	142,500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,090,500.00</b>
<b>4. Other Field Expenditures (Others)</b>		
<b>Office Expenses</b>		
4.1	Rent, Maintenance, Furniture, etc.... of	156,000.00
4.2	Telephones	144,000.00
4.3	Fax Machines Hiring charges	120,000.00
4.4	Stationery, Resource Materials, Photocopying etc....	42,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>84,000.00</b>
<b>Travelling &amp; Commutation Expenses</b>		
4.5	District Coordinators	408,000.00
4.6	Electronic Monitors	2,470,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,148,501.00</b>
<b>Training Programme Expenses</b>		
<b>Coordinators &amp; Monitors Training</b>		
4.7	stationary	53,500.00
4.8	Hall Charge	15,620.00
4.9	Refreshments	53,500.00
4.1	Accommodation	214,000.00
	<b>EDO Training</b>	
4.11	Hall Charge	190,000.00
4.12	Refreshments	337,500.00
4.13	Transport for EDO training	1,125,000.00
4.14	Resource person payments	45,000.00
4.15	EDO Tool kit	1,125,000.00
	<b>Other Expenses</b>	
4.16	Cameras & film roles	72,000.00
4.17	Insurance (for ELM. and D's.C)	720,000.00
4.18	Medical Expenses	50,000.00
4.19	Media Monitoring	500,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,875,500.00</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,297,422.66</b>



<b>5. Election Day Expenditures</b>			
5.1	Vehicle for Field Monitors & District coordinators	1,926,000.00	1,187,180.00
5.2	Vehicle for Field Mobile Teams	1,500,000.00	1,268,361.44
5.3	Mobile team training expenses	100,000.00	-
5.4	Mobile team Accommodation and Communication	300,000.00	125,787.00
5.5	Mobile team Honorarium	250,000.00	494,000.00
5.6	Election Day Form Collection - Motor Bike	250,000.00	170,250.00
5.7	Mobile Monitors' tool kit	25,000.00	56,590.00
5.8	Insurance for Mobile teams	300,000.00	54,484.20
5.9	Office Travelling	25,000.00	1,500.00
5.10	Translation and Type setting	20,000.00	-
5.11	Election Day Supporting team Honorarium	37,500.00	64,000.00
5.12	Generator	50,000.00	23,700.00
5.13	Refreshments	75,000.00	104,506.75
5.14	Sundry Election Day Expenditure (Colombo & Fields)	25,000.00	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,883,500.00</b>	<b>3,552,359.39</b>
<b>6. Expenses for Post Election Monitoring</b>			
6.1	Expenses for Post Election Monitoring	300,000.00	37,170.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>300,000.00</b>	<b>37,170.00</b>
<b>7. Counting Centre Monitoring</b>			
<b>Counting Centre Observers Training</b>			
7.1	Hall Rents	22,500.00	-
7.2	Resource Persons Fee	45,000.00	-
7.3	Refreshments	100,000.00	4,015.00
7.4	Travelling	200,000.00	-
<b>Counting Day Expenses</b>			
7.5	Tool kit	100,000.00	-
7.6	Travelling & Communication	400,000.00	900.00
7.7	Honorarium	1,000,000.00	42,500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,867,500.00</b>	<b>47,415.00</b>
<b>8. Information Dissemination</b>			
8.1	Press Conferences	90,000.00	-
8.2	Media Advertisements for Voter Education	3,600,000.00	10,560.00
8.3	Tabulation & Data Base Modification cost	40,000.00	-
8.4	Media Liaison Officer	45,000.00	-
8.5	Translation English to Sinhala and Tamil	100,000.00	-
8.6	Designing & Layout - Final Report	25,000.00	-
8.7	Graphics and Tables	10,000.00	-
8.8	Printing Cost (750 English/750 Tamil/750 Sinhala)	1,125,000.00	-
8.9	Postage for Distribution	187,500.00	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,222,500.00</b>	<b>10,560.00</b>
<b>9. International Observers</b>			
9.1	Air Fair	5,000,000.00	-
9.2	Food and Accommodation	3,500,000.00	104,775.00
9.3	Transport	5,000,000.00	-
9.4	Translators	750,000.00	13,800.00
9.5	Insurance	575,000.00	20,914.65
9.6	Honorarium	1,250,000.00	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,075,000.00</b>	<b>139,489.65</b>

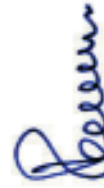
<b>10. Public Media Campaigns (3 Languages)</b>			
10.1	Designing & Production Expense	450,000.00	-
10.2	Publicity Expense	2,000,000.00	-
10.3	Posters	2,000,000.00	5,926,474.40
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,450,000.00</b>	<b>5,926,474.40</b>
<b>11. Publication (3 Languages)</b>			
11.1	Printing	1,500,000.00	650,000.00
11.2	Postage	750,000.00	100,000.00
11.3	Other expenses (Artwork, designing, translation act.,)	500,000.00	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,750,000.00</b>	<b>750,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>62,766,500.00</b>	<b>27,930,894.88</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>34,835,605.12</b>	<b>8,345,916.22</b>

Note:-

Provision for Publication for Final Report  
Provision for Utility & Travelling Expenses



Dr. P. Saravanamuttu  
Executive Director



I. Ramesh  
Finance Manager

750,000.00  
50,000.00



# Pre - Election Monitoring

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Parliamentary General Election 2010

## Pre-election Photographs - Captured by Field Monitors



A Samurdi Bank building in Badulla was being used as a UPFA party office

A Vehicle belong to Mahaweli Authority is being used to transport cut outs of UPFA candidate Mithreepala Sirisena



One of leg of W.M.Ajanth kumara Private secretary of Duminda Dissanayake (UPFA candidate) was seriously damaged in the clash with supporters of S.M.Chandrasena UPFA candidate at Ganthiriyagama.



This woman got these injuries in the attack allegedly carried out by Pubudu Dayalan and others (CWC) on 17.03.2010 at Ramboda, Kothmale



Mannar CTB bus stand was decorated with illegal cut outs

NM Nizath (UNP) admitted to batticaloa hospital with a broken arm following a attack of UPFA supporters at Kaththankudi



3 vehicles including this used for campaign of Vadiwel Suresh(UPFA) were damaged in the attack carried out by supporters of Thondaman (CWC)



The house belonged to Ramasami Pulidamini, a UNP supporter, was severely damaged in the attack allegedly carried out by Prabu Dayalan and others (CWC) on 17.03.2010 at Ramboda Watta, Kothmale.

Vehicle belonged to Hakkim Salma (a UNP supporter) was sat on fire by supporters of Hisbulla (UPFA)



## Summary of the Incidents of Misuse of State Resources Highlighted in the CMEV Press Releases

CMEV expressed its deep concern about the flagrant misuse of public property for electioneering and the inactivity of responsible officers in preventing those misuses. A total of 49 verified incidents of public property misuse were recorded by CMEV during the election campaign period.

District	Electorate Location	Incident
Kurunegala	Kurunegala	Misuse of Resources of Nation Building Ministry - The incumbent Minister of Nation Building and UPFA candidate Salinda Dissanyake(candidate no 17) and his supporters have been accused of misusing three double cabs (252-6010,WP HI 2766 and WP PB 2271) and a CDMA phone(0114945974) belonging to the respective ministry for election campaign activates.
Kurunegala	Galgamuwa	A building constructed for the welfare of the Army soldiers in Galgamuwa is being used as a party office of UPFA candidate, Taranath Basnayake(candidate no 15) CMEV contacted the Divisional Secretariat of Galgamuwa. An officer, who did not want to reveal his name, confirmed the incident and told CMEV that the building is now being administered by the Galgamuwa Village Development Society.
Nuwara - Eliya	Zonal Education Office Nuwara - Eliya	A building belonging to the Zonal Education Office of Nuwaraeliya is being used in the campaign of incumbent Minister of Livestock Development and UPFA candidate C.B.Ratnayake(candidate no 02). CMEV contacted the Zonal Education Office of Nuwareliya on 18 <sup>th</sup> March. An officer there told CMEV on the condition of anonymity that a ministry sub office of Minister of Livestock Development, C.B.Ratnayake has been run in the old building of the department. When CMEV contacted C.B.Ratnayake, he denied the allegation.
Kegalle	Kegalle	CMEV received reports regarding the misuse of a cab (WP JL 5264) belonging to a road construction project implemented by the Sabragamuwa Provincial Council. It has been used for the campaigning activities of UPFA candidate Kanaka Herath(candidate no 04). CMEV contacted the office of the Chief Secretary of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council. An officer of the Council told CMEV that the vehicle was given to the project office by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), that they have no information regarding the vehicle and that he was not aware of the incident. CMEV contacted Kanaka Hereth on 18 <sup>th</sup> March who categorically denied the allegation.
Polonnaruwa	From Sevanapitiya to Welikanda	According to CMEV monitor a Mitsubishi Cab (52-2425) belonging to the Mahaweli Authority has been used to transport a cutout of incumbent minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services, Maithiripala Sirisena(candidate no 07), from Sevanapitiya to Welikanda on 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2010. Resident Project Manager of Mahaweli Authority, Polonnaruwa who did not mention his name admitted that the vehicle belongs to the authority and stated that he is not aware about the incident.

District	Electorate / Location	Incident
Nuwara Eliya	Pathana College	<p>Allegedly the incumbent Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development and UPFA candidate Arumugan Ramanathan Thondaman (candidate no 10) conducted a meeting at Pathana College of Education main hall on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that five principles of government schools and trainees attached to the college also attended the meeting. Three of them were identified as the Principles of Barathi Maha Vidyalaya, Highlands Central College and Kotagala Tamil Maha Vidyalaya, respectively.</p> <p>CMEV Field Monitor reported that a lorry (CP PA 5267) belonging to the Kotagala Pradeshiya Saba is being used in the campaign of UPFA candidate Shanthini Chandrasekran (candidate no 09). N. Sadasivam, a UPF Pradeshiya Sabah Member from Kotagala, denied the allegation.</p>
Polonnaruwa	From Sevanapitiya to Welikanda	<p>According to CMEV monitor a Mitsubishi Cab (52-2425) belonging to the Mahaweli Authority has been used to transport a cutout of incumbent minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services, Maithiripala Sirisena (candidate no 07), from Sevanapitiya to Welikanda on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010.</p> <p>Resident Project Manager of Mahaweli Authority, Polonnaruwa who did not mention his name admitted that the vehicle belongs to the authority and stated that he is not aware about the incident.</p>
Polonnaruwa	From Sevanapitiya to Welikanda	<p>According to CMEV monitor a Mitsubishi Cab (52-2425) belonging to the Mahaweli Authority has been used to transport a cutout of incumbent minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services, Maithiripala Sirisena (candidate no 07), from Sevanapitiya to Welikanda on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010.</p> <p>Resident Project Manager of Mahaweli Authority, Polonnaruwa who did not mention his name admitted that the vehicle belongs to the authority and stated that he is not aware about the incident.</p>
Jaffna	Kachai Government Tamil Mixed School	<p>According to CMEV Field Monitor UPFA candidate for Jaffna District, Alexander Charles (candidate no 04) has conducted a meeting in the Kachai Government Tamil Mixed School on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at around 01.30 pm</p> <p>When contacted, Alexander Charles, categorically denied the allegation.</p>
Mannar	National Youth Council	<p>on 22<sup>nd</sup> March CMEV received reports regarding the misuse of a building and staff of the National Youth Council, Mannar in the campaign of the incumbent Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services and UPFA candidate Rishad Badiudeen (candidate no 01). Reportedly, a meeting for organizers and supporters of Rishad Badiudeen was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the Council.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the National Youth Council, Mannar and an officer attached to the council denied that such a meeting took place.</p> <p>Attempts to contact Rishad Badiudeen were not successful.</p>

District	Electorate / Location	Incident
Batticaloa	Ashraff-Athaulah Memorial Hall, Pottuvil	<p>CMEV Field Monitor reported that a meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Ashraff-Athaulah Memorial Hall, Pottuvil for school teachers and principals at around 12.00 pm.</p> <p>According to the CMEV Field Monitor, UPFA candidates namely A.H. Abdul Basheer (candidate no 03), A.M. Lebbe (candidate no 05) and A.M. Athaulah (candidate no 02) and Eastern Provincial Council Minister of Road Development, Irrigation, Housing and Construction, Rural Electrification and Water Supply Uduman Lebbe addressed the gathering.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that the schools in the Pottuvil area were closed at around 10.30am on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in order that the principals and teachers could attend the above meeting.</p> <p>CMEV contacted Mr. Muthalif, Deputy Director of Akkaraipattu Zonal Education Department, who said that permission had not been granted to close schools on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He further stated that he came to know that it was the Ministry of Education of the Eastern Provincial Council that had given approval.</p> <p>Secretary of the Eastern Provincial Council Ministry of Education Mr. Weerawardhana, informed CMEV that this was not the case, that he was not aware of the incident and that he would look into the matter.</p>
Polonnaruwa	from Welikanda to Kalahagala	<p>On 28<sup>th</sup> March CMEV Field Monitor reported that a bus (03sri-9868) belonging to the Mahaweli Authority was used to transport a group of UPFA supporters from Welikanda to Kalahagala for campaigning activities on 27<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the residence project manager, Ranjith Perera who confirmed that the bus belongs to the authority and that he has strictly instructed the staff not to use any vehicles for electioneering. He said he was not aware of this incident.</p>
Ratnapura	Ratnapura	<p>CMEV Field Monitor observed that a lorry (WP LD 1304) belonging to the Ministry of Health was used to transport posters of the ruling party, to Embilipitya from Colombo on 29<sup>th</sup> March at around 05.15 pm. CMEV Monitor also learnt that around 80,000 posters were being transported.</p> <p>Once CMEV confirmed the incident, CMEV immediately informed all the relevant police authorities including the Election DIG's Office, the respective Police Station-Rathnapura- and the Emergency Line (119). However, through subsequent calls, CMEV learnt that no action was taken to track the vehicle.</p>
Monaragala	Bibila	<p>On 31<sup>st</sup> March CMEV Field Monitor reported that propaganda materials of UPFA candidate Chamika Buddhadasa (candidate no 03) were displayed in a blue Isuzu cab (253-7122) belonging to the Ministry of Health of the Uva Provincial Council.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that the candidate is son of the Uva Provincial Council Health Minister, A.H.M. Budhadasa.</p> <p>On above CMEV contacted Chamika Buddhadasa who categorically denied the allegation.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted the Health Ministry of the Uva Provincial Council, Assistant Secretary, Mrs. P. Athiraja, informed CMEV that the vehicle is for official work of the Minister and that she is not aware of whether it was being used for campaigning activities.</p>

## Pre-Election Violence highlighted in the media communiques

CMEV reported a total of 232 incidents of major violence including a murder and an attempted murder during the pre-election campaign. The major violence which were highlighted in the media communiques and sent to the relevant authorities for further actions are given bellow with details.

Category of Offence	Party Affiliation of Alleged Perpetrators	Details of the Incident
Murder	Party is not given	<p>CMEV learnt that R.D.Jeewan Prasanna Jayawardhana, a UPFA supporter, was shot dead by an unknown group in Mawathagama at around 11.00 pm on 4th April, 2010.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that the deceased was a supporter of UPFA candidate R.D.Wimaladasa (candidate no 06).</p> <p>When CMEV contacted Wimaladasa's office, Chandala Wijesooriya, a driver who witnessed the murder, informed CMEV that while they were returning from Kurunegala to Mawathagama in a double cab (NW PB 3968), an unknown group in a double cab confronted them and opened fire towards their vehicle. According to him, Jeewan was sitting in the back seat of the cab. He further explained that when they reached the Kurunegala Hospital Jeewan had died and that they had informed the Police at the time of the incident.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted the Mawathagama Police Station, a women Police Officer informed CMEV that they had received an anonymous call regarding the incident at around 11.45 pm. She further stated that investigations are being carried out.</p> <p>Dr.N.D.S.Rajamanthiri of Kurunegala General Hospital confirmed that the person had died when he was brought to the hospital.</p>
Abduction	Suspected to be UPFA	<p>CMEV Field Monitor reported that M.Riflas, a member of the political wing of the People Revival Front, was abducted by an unknown group on 31<sup>st</sup> March at around 11.25 am in Madina Nagar, Palavi.</p> <p>CMEV contacted M.Munafdeen, Secretary of the People Revival Front. He informed CMEV that the perpetrators traveled in a red Pickup Truck (2007/2008 CC). He suspected them of being supporters of the incumbent Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services and UPFA candidate for the Vanni District, Rishard Badiudeen(candidate no 01).</p> <p>CMEV learnt that Riflas was released at around 12.30 pm today and that the party is an ally of the UPFA.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted Riflas, he said that he was abducted by Mujahir-who reportedly is associated with Rsihard Badiudeen- and two others and brought to a UPFA party office near the Thillayadi Railway Station. He further stated that he was assaulted and verbally threatened by them not to engage in politics. According to him, a complaint had been lodged with the Puttalam Police Station and his statement was recorded by PC Nimal (41189)</p> <p>CMEV contacted the Police. OIC Gunasekara informed CMEV that they came to know about the incident but no one had complained to the Police as yet. He further stated that when they investigated on the basis of information received, they came to know that the person allegedly abducted had been released.</p>

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Arson	Party is not given	<p>On 20<sup>th</sup> March at around 12.30 am a lorry belonging to UPFA supporter, Ibrahim Raheem, was set on fire by an unidentified group in Gandhi Road, Eravur. A complaint (ECIB 29/10) has been lodged with the Eravur Police Station by Ibrahim Raheem in this regard.</p> <p>CMEV Field Monitor visited the scene of the incident recorded a statement from Ibrahim Raheem. He informed the CMEV monitor that he is a UPFA supporter and that his vehicle is used for UPFA campaigning. According to the CMEV monitor, the front part of the lorry has been completely burnt as a result of the attack.</p> <p>A.C.M.Sayed, Officer in-charge of UPFA candidate, Ali Zahir Moulana (candidate no 02) told CMEV that his vehicle is used to transport furniture for the UPFA meetings and he is an active supporter of the party.</p> <p>C.G.A.S.Piyaratne, OIC, Eravur Police confirmed to CMEV that the incident had occurred and stated that further investigations are underway.</p>
Arson	UNP	<p>On 29<sup>th</sup> March, CMEV received a complaint from CMEV Field Monitor that the pavilion set up for a UPFA meeting in Main Street, Ninthavoor was set on fire, allegedly by a group of UNP supporters at around 10.30 am today.</p> <p>CMEV contacted Mr.Jahufer, Personal Secretary to the incumbent Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and UPFA candidate A.L.M.Athaula (candidate no 02). He informed CMEV that around 400 UNP supporters were involved in the incident and that they broke the stage and set fire to the decorations and furniture.</p> <p>CMEV contacted M.A.Jinnah, Personal Secretary to UNP candidate Faizal Casim(candidate no 08). He admitted that they are UNPERS. He added however that they were not instigated to attack the stage and that he too condemns the attack.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that the STF was deployed in the area after the attack to provide security to the meeting.</p>
Arson	UPFA	<p>CMEV Field Monitor informed that 04 UNP party offices have been attacked by an unknown group, yesterday 27 March in the Sooriyawewa area.</p> <p>According to CMEV Field Monitor, attacks were carried out between 01-04 am and campaigning materials were set fire to by the perpetrators.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that the offices were maintained by 04 UNP supporters namely U.K.Gunadasa, H.H.William, T.L.Ranjth and G.G.Thanuja Sampth.</p> <p>When contacted H.H. William, a UNP supporter, alleged that the attacks would have been carried out by the UPFA and they would not make a complaint to the Police because they lacked trust in them.</p> <p>When contacted, the Sooriyawewa Police Station, Sergeant Ratnaweera stated that they had not as yet received a complaint.</p>
Grievous Hurt	UPFA	<p>On 17<sup>th</sup> March at around 10.30 pm, supporters of UPFA candidate R.D.Wimaladasa(candidate no 06) who arrived in a white Canter assaulted a group of supporters of UNP candidate Nilwala Wijesinghe(candidate no 11) when they were having dinner after a meeting held at Nilwala's residence located in Ridigama. Five (05) UNP supporters sustained injuries due to the attack and were admitted to the Kurunegala General Hospital.</p> <p>CMEV Field Monitor visited the hospital on 18<sup>th</sup> March and recorded statements from the victims. According Anuara Munasinghe, a UNP supporter, the perpetrators assaulted them with wooden batons and when the other UNP supporters attempted to stop the attack, the perpetrators had fired in the air. Reportedly a bystander also sustained minor injuries to his head due to the panic caused by gunshots.</p> <p>According to CMEV Field Monitor, Ridhigama Police confirms the incident and is carrying out further investigation in this regard.</p>

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Grievous Hurt	UNP	<p>On 25<sup>th</sup> March CMEV received reports regarding an attack to the supporters of UPFA candidate Najeeb A Majeed (candidate no 03).</p> <p>According UPFA District Coordinator, Mr.Faris, they were assaulted by the supporters of UNP candidate M.S.Thowfeek(candidate no 06) near the Jawahir Junction ,Kinniya at around 06.40 pm. Two UPFA supporters were severely injured due to the attack and initially admitted to the Kinniya Hospital Base Hospital and transferred to the Trincomalee General Hospital.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that A.Mubaris known as Ramzi, a victim, has been transferred to the Kandy General Hospital on 26<sup>th</sup> March, subsequently.</p> <p>On 26<sup>th</sup> March CMEV contacted the Kinniya Police Station, Election OIC, Karnaratne informed CMEV that they have not yet received a complaint regarding the attack and came to the know about the incident yesterday night. He further noted that this not politically motivated.</p>
Grievous Hurt	UPFA	<p>On 24<sup>th</sup> March N.M.Nishad, a UNP supporter, was attacked allegedly by a group of supporters of UPFA candidate M.A.M.Hisbulla (candidate no 03) in the Main street Kattankudi at around 08.10 pm while he was returning to his residence after a UNP meeting held in Kattankudi. The victim sustained grievous injuries on his left hand and was admitted to the ward no 14 of the Batticaloa Base Hospital.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted Mr.Hisbullah, he denied the involvement of his supporters in the incident.</p> <p>CMEV Field Monitor visited the Kattankudi Police Station and confirmed the incident. According to him, a complaint (EIB 166/111) has been lodged with the Police by the victim and further investigations are underway regarding the incident.</p>
Grievous Hurt	UNP	<p>On 28<sup>th</sup> March, CMEV received a complaint from J.Jesir, a supporter of the former Minister and UPFA candidate, Risad Badhiudeen (candidate no 01), that he was assaulted by a group of supporters of UNP candidate Noordeen Mashoor (candidate no 05) in Chinna Chippikulam, Nerayakulam, Vavuniya at around 09.30 am. The victim sustained grievous injuries on his head and has been admitted to ward no 04 of the Chettikulam Base Hospital.</p> <p>On 29<sup>th</sup> March, CMEV Field Monitor visited the hospital and recorded a statement from the victim. According to him, the perpetrators attempted to stab him in the stomach with a knife, but he managed to escape. They subsequently stabbed him on his head.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that a complaint was lodged with the Chettikulam Police in this regard by the victim on the same day and A.C.Razick, a suspect, was arrested in relation the incident.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted Noordeen Mashoor's office, Mr.Thameem, personal coordinator of the candidate, informed CMEV that he is not aware of the incident.</p> <p>CMEV was unable to contact the Police.</p>
Hurt	UNP	<p>On 26<sup>th</sup> March, CMEV Field Monitor reported that National Congress Organizer for Pottuvil, M.A.Majeed, and a group of National Congress supporters, an ally of UPFA, were attacked with stones at a UNF meeting held in Pottuvil.</p> <p>According to CMEV Field Monitor, they were attacked by UNF supporters gathered at the meeting after UPFA supporters in a van (WP HM 6975) intentionally knocked down a pillar of the pavilion set up for the meeting.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that a tense situation arouse after the clash and Mr.Majeed and two Police Officers namely M.Aleem(PC 49821) and Indula Athula Mudali, Traffic OIC of the Pottuvil Police Station were injured. Mr.Majeed was initially admitted to the Pottuvil District Base Hospital and then to the Akkraipattu Base Hospital.</p>

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	(Continued from Previous Page)	<p>CMEV contacted M.S.M.Marsook, Chairman Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabah(PS). He informed CMEV that he and Mr.A.M.M.Thajudeen, Vice Chairman of Pottuvil PS were arrested by the Police on 26<sup>th</sup> March and released on bail the following day.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted the Pottuvil Police to get further details regarding the incident an officer who did not reveal his name refused to give any details regarding the incident and stated that they have already released the necessary details to the media.</p>
Hurt and Damaged to Property	UPFA	<p>CMEV Field Monitor reported that a group of supporters of UNP candidate Akila Viraj Kariyawasam (candidate no 01) were assaulted allegedly by a group of supporters of UPFA candidate Johnston Fernando (candidate no 14) opposite the Kurnegala Malkatuwawa Welagedara Vidyalaya at around 07.00 pm on 02<sup>nd</sup> April. Two UNP supporters namely M.Izadeen and M.Asalam sustained injuries in the attack and were admitted to ward no 01 of the Kuliypitiya Base Hospital.</p> <p>CMEV contacted Mr.Chandana, personal secretary to Akila Viraj Kariyawasam. He told CMEV that the perpetrators came in a blue Tipper and assaulted the UNP supporters while they were returning after a UNP meeting held in the Kurunegala Sathiyawadi ground under the patronage of the Opposition leader Ranil Wickramasinghe. A truck (NW LF 3745) belonging to Akila Viraj Kariyawasam was also damaged in the attack. He further stated that M.Naushad, a UNP supporter, lodged a complaint (EIB 01/2010) with the Kurunegala Police Station.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted Johnston Fernando's party office, Sumudu Abeyawickrama, an office bearer, categorically denied the involvement of UPFA supporters in the attack.</p> <p>IP Dharmadasa of the Kurunegala Police Station confirmed the incident and stated that further investigations are underway.</p>
Assault	UPFA	<p>CMEV Field Monitor reported that P.G.Sunil Shantha (candidate no 06) was assaulted by a supporter of UPFA candidate Lakshman Wasantha Perera (candidate no 01) near the Naula Bus Stand on 30<sup>th</sup> March at around 12.45 pm. The victim was admitted to the Nalanada Divisional Hospital and discharged the following day.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the victim. He informed CMEV that he was threatened against campaigning in the Naula area and then assaulted. He further stated that he lodged a complaint with the Naula Police Station in this regard.</p> <p>Attempts to contact Lakshman Wasantha Perera were not successful.</p>
Assault	UPFA	<p>On 02<sup>nd</sup> April CMEV received a complaint from the UNP that supporters of Rishard Badiudeen assaulted a group of supporters of UNP candidate Noordeen Mashoor(candidate no 05) in Tarapuram, Mannar at around 06.30 pm while they were campaigning in the area. Two UNP supporters namely M.Hafil and M.Aroos sustained injuries due to the attack.</p> <p>On contacting Noordeen Mashoor's office, CMEV learnt that a van (WP TB 0611) was also damaged due to the attack and that the victims were admitted to ward no 04 of the Mannar General Hospital. According to one of the office bearers, a complaint was lodged with the Mannar Police Station.</p> <p>On 03<sup>rd</sup> April CMEV contacted Mr.Munawfer, a coordinator of the Minister. He declined to comment on the allegation and asked CMEV to contact the Police to verify the details.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the Mannar Police. Election OIC Sriwardhana, confirmed that they had received a complaint regarding the incident.</p>

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Assault	UNP	<p>On 24<sup>th</sup> March at around 03.20 pm Shantha Abeyaratne, a UPFA supporter, was assaulted by a group of supporters of UNP candidate Sidney Jayaratne(candidate no 03) who came on a van(58-6644) belonging to the candidate in Al-Hilalpura, Pulasthigama, Medirigiriya. The victim was admitted to the ward no 10 of the Polonnaruwa General Hospital and subsequently discharged on 26<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Sydney Jayaratne denied his involvement in the incident and informed that he came to know that a complaint has been lodged against him in the Pulastigama Police Station.</p> <p>CMEV Field Monitor visited the Pulastigama Police Station on 25<sup>th</sup> March and confirmed the incident. According to him a complaint (CIB2 52/131) has been lodged with the Police by the victim on the same day. Two accused and the Vehicle involved in the incident were taken into the Police custody on 25<sup>th</sup> morning.</p>
Assault	UPFA	<p>A group of DNA supporters who were pasting posters, were assaulted by a group of supports of UPFA candidate for Gampaha District, Neil Rupasinghe(candidate no 12) in Pattiyawala, Uswetakeiyawa at around 03.00 am on 03<sup>rd</sup> April.</p> <p>CMEV Field Monitor visited the residence of M.N.C.Dias, a victim, and recorded a statement from him. According to him, he and M.A.Ranjith Kumara, another DNA supporter, were assaulted and Ranjith managed to escape from the attack. Subsequently he was forcibly pulled into the vehicle and brought to Neil Rupasinghe's residence located in Hendala,Wattala. He was ordered to kneel down and was assaulted by Neil Rupasinghe's supporters at his residence as well. He further explained that he was dropped at the point where they snatched him.</p> <p>He further stated that he saw the UPFA supporters waving hands to the police officers when they passed the Police check -point located in Wattala Shell Gas Junction. He expressed his disappointment with the Police over their inactivity and stated that he would not complain to the Police in this regard as he lacked trust in them.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted the Wattala Police Station it was informed that the Muthurajawela Police Post is in charge of deployment at the above named check -point. When CMEV contacted the Muthurajawela Police Post, PC Sanjeewa Kumara informed CMEV that on the particular day they did not deploy any officers to the above post.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted Neil Rupasinghe in this regard, he categorically denied the allegations.</p>
Damage to Property	UPFA	<p>According to A.M.Husain, SLMC working committee member, on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at around 04.00pm a UNP party office located near 'B' Camp, Alankuda was attacked by a group of supporters of incumbent Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services and UPFA candidate for Vanni District, Rishard Badiudeen (candidate no 01). Jamsir, a UNP supporter, sustained minor injuries on his left hand due to the attack.</p> <p>At around 08.00pm another attack on a vehicle convoy of UNP candidates Noordeen Mashoor(candidate no 05), A.K.S.Hameethu(candidate no 01) and M.H.Rinos(candidate no 08) was carried out by the supporters of Rishard Badiudeen near the play ground Kalmunaikudi-B, Alankuda. Thirteen (13) vehicles were damaged due to the attack and the estimated loss is 240,000Rs, according to Mr.Hussain.</p> <p>Mr.Hussain further alleged that the STF was also involved in the incident and had assaulted the UNPers.</p> <p>Minister Rishad Badiudeen was not contactable.</p> <p>CMEV Field Monitor visited the Kalpitiya Police Station on 20<sup>th</sup> March to get further details regarding the incidents, but the Police did not provide any information. Attempts by the CMEV secretariat to get details from the Police were also not successful.</p>

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Attack on Party office	UPFA	<p>On 27<sup>th</sup> March UPFA candidate Anjan Umma(candidate no 04) made a compliant to CMEV that her party office located in Hansgiriya, Kaleliya was attacked allegedly by a group of supporters of UPFA candidate Kokila Harshani Gunawardhana(candidate no 21) on 25<sup>th</sup> March at around 11.00 pm.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted Sampath Wickramasinghe, coordinating secretary of Anjan Umma, alleged that Kokila Harshani Gunawardhana was present at the scene and that the perpetrators came in two Jeeps and a lorry and they could not identify the vehicle numbers.</p> <p>When contacted Kokila Harshani Gunawardhana categorically denied her involvement in the incident. CMEV learnt that no complaints have been lodged with the police in this regard.</p>
Attack on Party office	UPFA	<p>On 29<sup>th</sup> March CMEV Field Monitor reported that a ITAK Party Office was attacked by a group of TMVP supporters allegedly led by the Eastern Provincial Council Chief Minister, Sivaneshanthurai Chandrakanthan at around 05.30 pm yesterday in Mamanga Pillayar Temple Road, Batticaloa.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted ITAK candidate Yogeshwaran(candidate no 07), he informed CMEV that he was verbally threatened allegedly by Sivaneshanthurai Chandrakanthan 03 days before the attack. According to him, he was warned by Sivaneshanthurai Chandrakanthan not to get involved in politics and that if he did, he would be killed after the election. CMEV contacted TMVP team leader and candidate, A. Selvendran(candidate no 01)who categorically denied both allegations. CMEV Field Monitor visited the Batticaloa Police Station and was informed that a complaint, (CIB 175/335), was lodged by Yogeshwaran in this regard and that further investigations are underway.</p>
Attack on Party office	Party is not given	<p>CMEV Field Monitor reported that two DNA party offices located in Tissamaharama were attacked by an unknown group who came in a car and a cab at around 01.00 am on 29th March. According to him, cutouts and decorations were damaged due to the attack.</p> <p>CMEV contacted V.K.Sunil, a DNA supporter. He alleged that the attack was carried out by Nil Balakaya(Blue Force, a movement led by UPFA candidate Namal Rajapakshe) and that they were carrying fire arms. According to him bullets were fired in the air, thrice.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the Tissamaharama Police Station. An officer who did not mention his name, confirmed the incident and stated that they have received two complaints regarding the incident from the DNA. He further informed CMEV that further investigations are being carried out on this account.</p>
Attack on Party office	UPFA	<p>CMEV Field Monitor reported that a UNP Party Office located in Nikaweratiya was attacked by a group of supporters of UPFA candidate Johnston Fernando (candidate no 14) while they were returning after a UPFA meeting held in Nikaweratiya under the patronage of the President, Mahinda Rajapakshe. Furniture and the campaigning materials were damaged due to the attack.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the Organizer and UNP candidate, Herath Banda Tennakoon(candidate no 13) who informed CMEV that according to the information he received from his supporters, the attack was carried out by supporters of Johnston Fernando and stated that a 50,00-100,000Rs estimated loss was incurred.</p> <p>CMEV contacted Jhonston Fernando, he informed CMEV that he also came to know about the incident and denied the involvement of his supporters. He further told CMEV that one of his cut-outs was also damaged by an unknown group in Nikaweratiya on the same day.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that no complaint had been lodged with the Police on this account.</p>

Category of Offence	Party Affiliation of Alleged Perpetrators	Details of the Incident
Attack on Media	UPFA	<p>CMEV unreservedly condemns the attack on the MBC/MTV office located at Braybrook Place, Colombo, yesterday 22nd March 2010. CMEV has learnt that one of the buses used to transport the attackers was from the Kelaniya Bus Depot. On 22<sup>nd</sup> March CMEV contacted the Slave Island Police Station, CI Malin Perera, informed us that according to the statements recorded from the arrested persons, some of them are supporters of UPFA candidate Duminda de Silva (candidate no 08) who were on their way to a musical show organized by him. Duminda de Silva categorically denied the involvement of his supporters in the incident.</p> <p>Whilst the precise motivation for the attack has yet to be established, CMEV notes that it took place in the heart of the capital in the afternoon and against a media organization that has been attacked before. The attack, in the context of a general election in particular, adversely impacts the free flow of information, public perceptions in respect of their access to information and the Rule of Law. CMEV calls on the Police to take effective and speedy action against the attackers without fear or favour.</p>
Threat	EPDP	<p>On 28<sup>th</sup> March, CMEV received a complaint from AITC candidate, S.Subramaniam(candidate no 11) alleging that K.Arumugam, one of his supporter was verbally threatened by Y.Yogachandran, who claims to be a EPDP supporter, in Warani North at around 04.00 pm today.</p> <p>According to Subramaniam, he was threatened not to campaign in the Kudathanai area as the area “belongs” to the EPDP and was he to do so, he was told that he would be killed.</p> <p>On contacting the Kodikamam Police Station, CMEV learnt that no complaint has been lodged with the police as yet.</p>
Threat and Intimidation	CWC	<p>On 27<sup>th</sup> March R.Kalaivanan, a UNP supporter, made a complaint to CMEV that members of his family are continuously intimidated by Ceylon Workers Congress (CWC) supporters, an ally of UPFA. He alleged that the incumbent Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development and UPFA candidate Arumugam Thondaman(candidate no 10) threatened them to remove their shop located at No.02,Maskleiya Road Norwood immediately. He further alleged that he instructed the OIC of the Norwood Police Station to take immediate actions against him and his father Mr.Rajendran, Opposition Leader of the Ambagamuwa PS.</p> <p>Repeated attempts to contact Mr. Arumugam Thondaman were not successful as he was in a meeting.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted the Norwood Police, OIC Saman Kumara informed CMEV that Arumugam Thondaman visited the area on 26<sup>th</sup> March for campaigning but that no quarrels occurred during the visit as alleged.</p>
Allegation against Police	Vaharai Police	<p>On 26<sup>th</sup> March ITAK candidate, Mr.Ariyanendran (candidate no 01) made a complaint to CMEV that the Vaharai Police obstructed vehicles of his supporters and arrested 12 ITAK supporters as well as took into custody a vehicle in Vaharai at around 12.25 pm.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that 06 of them were released by the Police on 26<sup>th</sup> March at around 02.30 and the other 06 at around 08.00 pm on the same day.</p> <p>According to Ariyanendran, the Police have not yet stated the reason for the arrests and that their vehicle is still in the custody of the Police. Ariyanendran further alleged that they experienced the same problem with the Vaharai Police during the last Presidential Election.</p>

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Allegation against Police	Welikada Police	<p>CMEV received a complaint from UNP candidate Shiral Lakthilaka(candidate no 21) alleging that the decorations set up for a UNP meeting in Welikada were removed by the Welikada Police at around 12.30 pm today.</p> <p>CMEV Field Monitor visited to the scene and recorded a statement from Shiral Laktialka. According to him, they initially sought the approval of the Welikada Police to conduct a meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March in a car park belonging to the Kotte Urban Council. They were informed that since a meeting of UPFA candidate Wimal Weerawansa(candidate no 20) had been arranged the following day, the Police were unable give the UNPers approval. He further stated that they then decided to conduct their meeting in a car park located in Rajagiriya belonging to the Road Development Authority. However, the Welikada Police informed them that since the Police did not have enough officers to provide security for the Opposition Leader, Ranil Wickrmasinghe, they were unable to grant their approval. The UNPers finally decided to hold the meeting in a car park next to the Welikada Police Station.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the Welikad Police Station. OIC Gamini Sarath stated that they only removed the illegal decorations, which were displayed outside the premises and did not obstruct the UNP meeting. He denied allegations that they did not respond to the UNPers requests to hold a meeting and explained that they have also given approval to the meeting held today.</p>
Allegation against Police	Puttalam Police	<p>CMEV continued to receive complaints against supporters of the incumbent Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services and UPFA candidate for the Vanni District, Rishard Badiudeen(candidate no 01).</p> <p>CMEV has recorded 11 complaints against Badiudeen supporters in the Puttalam District. None of these complaints have been lodged with the Police. In three instances, victims stated that they had not lodged complaints with the Police because of a loss of trust and confidence in the Force.</p>
Alligation against Police	Potuvil Police	<p>CMEV received reports regarding a harthai in the Pottuvil area on 03<sup>rd</sup> April. Field reports revealed that the Harthai was backed by the UPFA and UNP candidates in order to protest against the alleged violent activities of UPFA candidate A.L.M.Athaula(candidate no 02). CMEV also learnt that a National Youth Conference of the National Congress, an ally of UPFA, was also arranged in Pottuvil under the patronage of Athaula on the 3<sup>rd</sup> evening.</p> <p>CMEV contacted M.B.A.Azeez, former parliamentarian and representative of Ferial Ashrof for Pottuvil. He alleged that since Athaula does not allow other candidates to campaign in his areas, other UPFA and SLMC candidates organized a harthai in Pottuvil on the 3<sup>rd</sup> in protest. He accused the Police of attempting to break the harthai by threatening shop owners with permanent closure if they did not comply.</p> <p>Mr.Mubasir a shop owner and a supporter of the SLMC, alleged that the Police had put an additional lock on his closed shop as he had refused their demand that he break the harthai.</p> <p>OIC Wasanthakumara of the Pottuvil Police Station denied the allegations and stated that all shops were open for business as usual. According to CMEV Field reports many shops remain closed and a tense situation prevails in the area. A heavy deployment of security forces has been provided for the conference.</p>

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Violence against CMEV Monitors	Nikaweratiya	<p>CMEV learns that a camera belonging to the CMEV Field Monitor in Nikaweratiya, Nihal Chandrasiri, has been snatched by a man in a white Hi-ace van at around 07.15 pm on 28th March while he was photographing a damaged UNP Party Office in Nikaweratiya.</p> <p>CMEV Field Monitor informed CMEV that the candidate number and the name of UPFA candidate Johnston Fernando were displayed on the back mirror of the vehicle. His name was displayed as 'Jhony' in Sinhala. CMEV monitor was unable to identify the vehicle number.</p> <p>CMEV learns that at the time of the incident the Police were also present at the location to investigate the attack on the UNP party office.</p> <p>According to the instruction given by the CMEV Secretariat, CMEV Field Monitor has lodged a complaint at the Nikaweratiya Police Station.</p> <p>On 29<sup>th</sup> March CMEV contacted UPFA candidate Johnston Fernando in this regard. He informed CMEV that he is out of Nikaweratiya, today and will look into the matter once he returned to Nikaweratiya tomorrow.</p> <p>CMEV unreservedly condemns any attempts to undermine it and urges the authorities to assure an impartial and speedy investigation into the incident.</p>
Lack of Coordination between Election Officials	Badulla	<p>On 31<sup>st</sup> March CMEV learnt that the CMEV District Coordinator in Badulla was officially informed by the Assistant Election Commissioner of the Badulla District, T.A.C.N.Talangama in his letter dated on 24<sup>th</sup> March that CMEV and PAFFEREL Mobile Monitors would not be allowed into the polling booths.</p> <p>The Election Commissioner has given approval for CMEV and PAFFEREL Mobile Monitors to enter polling centres in which their Stationary Monitors are not deployed, in his letter dated 06<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The letter was addressed to all the Returning Officers, Deputy, Senior and Assistant Election Commissioners.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the respective Assistant Election Commissioner. The latter informed CMEV that in a meeting with the Election Commissioner, they were told that local Mobile Observers would not be allowed to enter the polling centres. He further stated that he was not aware of the letter of 06<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted the Election Department in this regard, the Additional Election Commissioner, W.P. Sumansiri stated that he was only aware of the Commissioner's approval to local Monitors to enter polling centres and that he was not aware of this approval being withdrawn, as stated in the Assistant Election Commissioner's letter.</p> <p>CMEV has written to the Election Commissioner and the Respective Assistant Election Commissioner in this regard with relevant references.</p>

## Intra - Party violence during the Election Campaign Period

CMEV received a total of 86 incidents of Intra-party violence which underscored the indiscipline of the candidates produced by major political alliances. 82 incidents of intra-party violence were reported from UPFA while 4 incidents occurred among UNF. Intra-party violence highlighted in the CMEV's Media Communiques are quoted below;

District	Party Affiliation	Incident
Monaragala	UPFA	<p>On 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 CMEV received a complaint from UPFA candidate Vijitha Berugoda(candidate no 02) that UPFA candidate Vijitha Muni Soysa(candidate no 04) and his supporters attacked him and his supporters by wooden batons and stones. Three of his supporters were injured due to the attack and admitted to the Bibile District Hospital.</p> <p>When contacted, Vijitha Muni Soysa informed CMEV that he was responsible to transport the people to the UPFA meeting held in the Bibile ground under the patronage of the President Mahinda Rajapakshe yesterday .he further alleged that when the people were transported towards the meeting, supporters of Vijitha Berugoda obstructed them opposite to his residence and attacked the buses with stones.</p> <p>CMEV learnt that both parties had made complaints to the Bibile Police Station on this account.</p> <p>On 26<sup>th</sup> March CMEV contacted the Bibile Police Station, a women police officer, who did not mention her name confirmed that they received a complaint (EIB 212/30) from Vijitha Muni Soysa and a counter complaint (EIB 229/40) from Vijitha Berugoda.</p>
Matara	UPFA	<p>CMEV Field Monitor reported that a clash between a group of supporters of the incumbent Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage and UPFA candidate, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena(candidate no 03) and a group of supporters of UPFA candidate, Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena(candidate 01) at Mirissa Junction, around 12.30 pm on 28th March 2010.</p> <p>CMEV contacted Yamuna Punchihewa, a UPFA member of the Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha(PS) and a supporter of Lakshman Yapa Abeyawardena, who stated that they were obstructed by supporters of Mahinda Yapa near the Mirrissa Junction when they came in a procession from Kamburugamuwa. She further said that the perpetrators attacked them with wooden batons, stones and glass bottles. He also alleged that they were carrying a pistol.</p> <p>According to Yamuna Punchihewa, two UPFA members of Weligamuwa PS namely Susantha Jayalath and Pushpakumara Bettage were amongst the perpetrators.</p> <p>CMEV contacted Susantha Jayalath who informed CMEV that a tense situation arose after supporters of Mahinda Yapa hooted supporters of Lakshman Yapa who were near the Mirrissa Junction. He said that he intervened to control the situation. He categorically denied that they assaulted the supporters of Lakshman Yapa and stated that no one carried fire- arms.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the Weligama Police Station, Mr.Mahesh, OIC of the Weligama Police Station, informed CMEV that they rushed to the scene of the incident once they were informed. He further stated that they managed to disperse the crowd before the situation worsened.</p>

District	Party Affiliation	Incident
Puttalam	UPFA	<p>CMEV received reports regarding an intra party clash between two groups of UPFA supporters in Anamanduwa. On 26<sup>th</sup> March W.A.Chaminda, Driver of the Chairman of the Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabah(PS)-Jagath Samantha- was assaulted by a group of supporters of UPFA candidate Priyankara Jayaratne(candidate no 09) in Maduwakkulama, Andigamuwa while they were going to hand over a loudspeaker to a mosque located in Maduwakkulama, Andigama. CMEV learnt that Jagath Samantha is a brother of UPFA candidate Sanath Nishantha(candidate no 02) and that the loudspeaker was a gift from Sanath Nishatha Foundation.</p> <p>A counter attack was allegedly carried out by Jagath Samatha and his supporters on a group of supporters of Priyankara Jayaratne on 27<sup>th</sup> March near Galkuliya Junction, Andigama. Three supporters of Priyankara Jayaratne sustained injuries due to the attack and K.M.Nihal, a UPFA supporter, was admitted to the Chilaw General Hospital.</p> <p>When contacted, both parties denied the allegations against them and made counter- allegations against each other. CMEV learnt that W.A.Chaminda made a complaint (MOIB 210/199) to the Pallama Police station and a counter complaint was lodged with the Anamaduwa Police Station. When CMEV contacted the Anamaduwa Police Station, Election OIC, N.D.Sarath refused to provide any details regarding the incident as the complaint is not categorized as election related.</p>
Kaluthara	UPFA	<p>CMEV learnt that UPFA candidate Kumara Welgama(candidate no 07) entered a party office of UPFA candidate Vidura Wickramanayake(candidate no 13) and attempted to attack a UPFA supporter in the eve of 27<sup>th</sup> March. When contacted, Indika Chandratilaka, Personal Secretary to the Prime Minister, informed CMEV that they have lodged a complaint with the Horana Police Station. She asked CMEV to get further details from them.</p> <p>On 29<sup>th</sup> March, CMEV Field Monitor visited the Horana Police Station, OIC Gunasena Geekiyanage informed CMEV that they have not received a complaint regarding the above incident.</p> <p>Repeated attempts to contact Kumara Welgama were not successful as he was not contactable.</p>
Nuwara - Eliya	UPFA	<p>On 29<sup>th</sup> March CMEV received a complaint from R.M.S.Sunethra Menike, District women wing Organizer of the National Freedom Front, an ally of UPFA, that their women working committee meeting held at the Community Hall located in Morabedda,Harasbedda, was interrupted allegedly by a group of supporters of the incumbent Minister of Livestock Development and UPFA candidate C.B.Ratnayake(candidate no 02) today at around 12.00 pm. According to her the group was led by H.Ananda Hithtetige known as Ajantha, a Samurdhi Officer.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the Walapane Police Station. A police officer who did not reveal his name, confirmed the incident and that a complaint (EIB 161/76) has been made by R.M.S.Sunethra Menike.</p>
Kandy	UPFA	<p>CMEV learnt that a group of supporters of UPFA candidate S.B.Dissanayake (candidate no 05) assaulted a group of supporters of UPFA candidate, Mahindananda Aluthgamage (candidate no 04) in Galgediyawa, Gampola at around 03.30 am on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Eight supporters of Mahindananda Aluthgamage sustained injuries due to the attack and were admitted to the Gampola Base Hospital.</p> <p>On 30<sup>th</sup> March, CMEV contacted Mahindananda Aluthgamage. He informed CMEV that his supporters were attacked with wooden batons by supporters of S.B.Dissanayake.. He alleged that they also kidnaped one of his supporters whose release he obtained by speaking directly to S.B.Dissanayake.</p> <p>CMEV contacted S.B.Dissanayake, he stated that he also came to know about the incident and that he is still not aware of whether his supporters were really involved in the incident or not. He further informed CMEV that he will look into the matter.</p> <p>Attempts to get further details from the Gampola Police Station regarding the incident were not successful, as no one officially responded to the queries.</p>

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Kandy	UPFA	When CMEV contacted the Gampola Base Hospital, Dr.Sunitha Jayasundara informed CMEV that the victims were admitted to ward no 01 and 02 of the hospital and were receiving treatment. She further informed CMEV that they are not in a critical condition.
Nuwara - Eliya	UPFA	CMEV received a complaint from S.B.Ratnayake, a brother of UPFA candidate C.B.Ratnayake (candidate no 02) that their supporters were assaulted by a group of supporters of the Chairman of the Central Provincial Council, Saliya Bandara Dissanayake in Udawatha Kumbura, Hanguranketha on 30 <sup>th</sup> March at around 12.30 pm. He alleged that around 20 supporters of Saliya Bandara Dissanayake assaulted his supporters with weapons. According to him, they were carrying a pistol, a repeater, a shotgun, 3.8 mm pistol and a sickle. They have identified 05 of the perpetrators namely D.V.J.Vithanage, Alfred Hettiarachchi, Siripala Siriwardhana, Nishantha Ratnayake and Ashoka Dissanayake. Ajantha Bandara, a supporter of C.B.Ratnayake, sustained head injuries. Two others were also injured in the attack. CMEV learnt that Saliya Bandara Dissanayake campaigns in support of UPFA candidate Nimal Piyatissa (candidate no 01). When CMEV contacted Saliya Bandara Dissanayake in this regard, he informed CMEV that supporters of C.B.Ratnayake unnecessarily increased the volume of the loudspeakers while they were passing land belonging to him and attempted to attack his supporters. He further stated that as a defensive measure his supporters attacked them. CMEV contacted the Hanguranketha Police Station. Election OIC, Sarath Ariyananda, confirmed the incident and informed CMEV that they have received a complaint (EIB 44) from S.B.Ratnayake.
Digamadulla	UPFA	CMEV has confirmed 05 incidents of UPFA intra party disputes from the Sammanthurai electorate during the last 48 hours. These include an incident of Hurt and 04 incidents of Damages to Property. All incidents have been reported to the Sammanthurai Police Station. In the attack M.M.Ashroof, a supporter of Naushad, sustained injuries and was admitted to ward no 01 of the Kalmunai Base Hospital. His three-wheeler (EP GE 9858) was also damaged in the attack. In all 05 instances supporters of UPFA candidates Abdul Ameer (candidate no 05) and A.M. Naushad (candidate no 04) were identified as the alleged perpetrators. In 03 instances, supporters of Naushad were identified as the alleged perpetrators, while in 02 incidents supporters of Abdul Ameer were accused.
Digamadulla	UPFA	CMEV field reports revealed that a tense situation prevails in Ampara and Mahaoya areas due to a UPFA intra party clash between supporters of UPFA candidates Sarath Weerasekara (candidate no 10) and Ferial Ashrof (candidate no 01) on 04 <sup>th</sup> April at around 11.00 am in Ampara town. Saman Morayas, Vice Chairman of the Ampara Urban Council and Wimal Weera Dissanayake, Eastern Province Minister of Education, Cultural Affairs, Lands and Land Development and Transport were also attacked in the incident. CMEV learnt that protests against Sarath Weerasekara were organized in Mahaoya town and Damana 04 <sup>th</sup> Mile Post at around 12.00 pm today. A protest was also held in Ampara town, yesterday, against him. Reportedly the protests are backed by Wimala Weera Dissanayake. According to the information from the field, posters which state 'vote for a Sinhalee beyond party or colour' in Sinhala have been displayed in Sinhala areas.

District	Party Affiliation	Incident
Anuradapura	UPFA	<p>CMEV learnt that a group of supporters of UPFA candidate Duminda Dissanayake(candidate no 06) was assaulted by a group of supporters of UPFA candidate S.M.Chandrasena(candidate no 11) near Eppawala Ipologama Rathgiriya Vidyalaya, Kekirawa at around 06 pm on 02<sup>nd</sup> April.</p> <p>On 03<sup>rd</sup> April CMEV contacted Ajith Kumara, Coordinating Secretary to Duminda Dissanayake. He informed CMEV that 08 supporters were injured due to the attack and admitted to the Anuradhapura General Hospital. He alleged that the perpetrators ordered them to kneel down and threatened them with firearms.</p> <p>When CMEV contacted R.M.R.Somaratne, Coordinating Secretary to S.M.Chandrasena, he denied the allegations and stated that supporters of Duminda Dissanyake assaulted them and that five of them sustained injuries in the attack and were subsequently admitted to the Anuradhapura General Hospital.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the Kekirawa Police Station. A Police Sergeant told CMEV that they received a 119 call regarding the incident and on the basis of that information further investigations are being carried out</p> <p>On contacting the Anuradhapura Hospital, CMEV learnt that 10 people who were injured in the attack were admitted to the hospital.</p>

## Incidents related to the marking of Postal Votes

CMEV recorded a total of 28 postal voting related incidents by the closure of the postal voting on 26th March. CMEV learnt that marking of postal vote at number of locations had postponed due to unavoidable reasons as it permitted by the Law. But CMEV was highly concerned about the integrity of marking of postal vote at these places to which access has been not given to the election observes and media.

Following the closure of marking of postal vote, CMEV wrote a letter to the election commissioner urging his immediate attention to the incidents reported on postal vote marking. The letter and highlighted incidents are given below.

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Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake,  
Commissioner of Elections,  
Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

25<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dear Mr. Dissanayake,

### Alleged Attempts to Deny Voters' Right

CMEV wishes to bring your urgent attention the issues identified in the attached document.

We strongly urge that these issues meet your urgent consideration and that you will ensure that effective action will be taken in respect of them. Please be informed that in the public interest we will be releasing the contents of this letter to the media.

Please be assured of our cooperation

Yours sincerely



DR. P. Saravanamuttu  
Co Convenor

## Summary of the Incidents reported at the making of Postal Vote

Location	Incident
Chilaw Bus Depot	<p>CMEV learnt that the Certifying Officer of the above centre compelled the CMEV Stationary Monitor to alter his observations when he submitted the observation form to him for attestation yesterday.</p> <p>CMEV monitor observed that some leaflets of the UPFA candidates were placed on the tables of the centre and voters were exchanging information regarding to who they vote to.</p> <p>CMEV has written to the commissioner and the Puttalam Returning Officer in this regard.</p>
Zonal Education Office, Anuradhapura	<p>According to CMEV Field Monitor, certifying officer of the above centre, Abdul Sameedu, did not provide any details to him when he approached him to get the postal voting details. he informed the CMEV Field Monitor that he has not been instructed to provide details to the observers.</p> <p>At around 03.30 pm CMEV contacted the Assistant Election Commissioner of Anuradhapura, S.M.S. Bandulasena, he will intervene into the matter and requested us to send the CMEV Field Monitor to the particular centre to get the details.</p> <p>After the intervention of the Assistant Election Commissioner CMEV Field Monitor was able to collect the details from the above postal voting centre.</p> <p>138 postal votes were registered at the centre.</p>
Kebithigollewa Police Station	<p>CMEV learnt that the postal voting of the Kebithigollewa Police Station was postponed to 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 since the Police Officers are on special duty today. Postal voting, however, held at the centre yesterday, according to the CMEV Field Monitor. 138 postal votes were registered at the centre.</p>
Wilgamuwa Zonal Education Office, Laggala	<p>CMEV learnt that the postal voting at Wilgamuwa Zonal Education Office was stopped by an Assistant Returning Officer (ARO), N.B. Karunatilake, at around 10.30 am yesterday on the ground that the procedures were not properly followed.</p> <p>According to CMEV Field Monitor, 29 out of 192 registered postal ballots were marked at the time of closure.</p> <p>On 26<sup>th</sup> March CMEV contacted the Assistant Election Commissioner of the Matale District, Dileep Nishantha, he informed that the two certifying officers of the centre did not participate in the instruction classes held for them and even did not come to collect the required official documents to conduct the polls including the Journals. He further explained that they have not informed the party representatives regarding the polls at the centre.</p> <p>He also stated that he instructed the A.R.O to stop the polls considering above all and the A.R.O's observations. According to him postal voting is rescheduled on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March.</p>
Matale General Hospital	<p>A similar incident to Wilgamuwa Zonal Education office was reported from the Matale General Hospital. According to W.K.W.S. Kumarawansa, Medical Superintendent and the Certifying Officer, the postal voting of the centre is postponed to 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March as he could not inform the party representatives.</p> <p>CMEV contacted Kuamrawansa on this account, he informed that he didn't receive some required information from the Election Department and managed to collect the documents only yesterday. According to him, he was unable to inform the party representative since he didn't receive list from the Returning Officer.</p> <p>On above CMEV contacted Assistant Election Commissioner, he stated that he did not receive any information that the postal voting of the centre has been postponed, yet and will look into the matter.</p>
Sooriyawewa Police Station	<p>According to the CMEV Field Monitor all postal voting applications of the Sooriyawewa Police Station have been rejected by the certifying officer B.G.S. Sumanasinghe, OIC of the Sooriyawewa Police Station, on grounds of late submission. An officer attached to the Hambantota Assistant Election Commissioner's office confirmed the incident.</p>

Location	Incident
Manthia West Pradeshiya Sabah	<p>On 26<sup>th</sup> March CMEV Field Monitor reported that all applications from the above centre were rejected due to late submission. CMEV learnt that 19 applications were submitted from the centre.</p> <p>CMEV contacted Samson Jennings, the Certifying Officer of the centre, he told that they sent the applications for post on 24<sup>th</sup> February and delay could be occurred due to the late delivery by the postal department.</p> <p>CMEV recorded a similar incident from Mannar Police Station in which 56 out of 399 applications were rejected due to the late submissions.</p> <p>On 25<sup>th</sup> March CMEV received reports that 150-200 applications for postal voting from the Vavuniya STF camp were rejected due to various reasons.</p> <p>CMEV Field Monitor visited to the Security Forces Head Quarters, Vanni and CI A.D.G.P.Amarasinghe informed him that there are several STF camps within the Vanni region and number of applications for the postal voting from each camp were rejected due to various reasons and explained that the total is not from a particular camp.</p>
Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabah	<p>At around 09.20 am, CMEV Field Monitor reported that a '12X6' cut-out of incumbent Minister of Nation Building and UPFA candidate Rohitha Abeyagunawardhana(candidate no 03) and another cut-out of Nirmala Kothalawala(candidate no 09) were displayed within the vicinity of the Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabah(PS).</p> <p>CMEV contacted Geethani, the Secretary and Certifying Officer of the Kalutara PS, who told CMEV that she had instructed the officials to remove the cutouts yesterday. She assured CMEV that she will take speedy measures to remove the cutouts. Sixteen (16) postal votes were registered at the Kalutara PS.</p>
Zonal Education Office Meerigama	<p>According to the CMEV Monitor, two women claiming to be representatives of UPFA candidate Basil Rajapakshe(candidate no 16) are recording the details of individual postal voters of the respective centre. They verbally threatened the CMEV Monitor when he questioned them about this. Two postal voting centres are situated in the department. One hundred and sixty one (161) and ninety-one (91) votes were recorded at these centres. A similar incident was reported from the Survey Department, Meerigama. Twelve (12) postal votes were registered at the department.</p> <p>On contacting his office, CMEV was informed that Mr Basil Rajapaksha was not available as he was in a meeting.</p>
Deraniyagala Pradeshiya Sabha	<p>At around 09.30 am, CMEV Field Monitor reported that a '10X5' cutout of UPFA candidate, H.R.Mithrapala(candidate no 03) was displayed within the premises of the Deraniyagala PS. Another cutout of UPFA candidate Kanaka Herath(candidate no 04) was also prominently displayed at the entrance gate of the Deraniyagala PS. Ten (10) postal votes were registered at the Deraniyagala PS.</p> <p>According to the CMEV Field Monitor, a jeep (WP JR 3456) belonging to Mithrapala was also parked within the premises of Deraniyagala PS.</p>
Akuressa Depot	<p>At around 09.30 am, CMEV Field Monitor reported that a medium size cutout of UPFA candidate Manoj Sirisena(candidate no 05) was displayed within the premises of the Akuressa Depot. Seventeen (17) votes were registered at the centre.</p>
Mundalama Divisional Secretariat	<p>At around 09.30 am CMEV Field Monitor reported that a large number of posters of UPFA candidate, Victor Antony (candidate no 06) were pasted on the wall of the Mundalama Divisional Secretariat. Fifty (50) postal votes were registered at the centre.</p> <p>According to CMEV Field Monitor, within the 50m radius of the Mundalama Divisional Secretariat small size cutouts of UPFA candidate Milroy Fernando(candidate no 10) were displayed along the road.</p>
Naththandiya Divisional Secretariat	<p>At around 10.10 am, CMEV Field Monitor reported that a van (NW HU 9813) decorated with the propaganda material of UPFA candidate Arundika Fernando(candidate no 04) was parked opposite the Naththandiya Divisional Secretariat. Sixty one (61) postal votes were registered at the above centre.</p>

Location	Incident
Valvettiturai Urban Council	At around 10.15 am, CMEV Field Monitor reported that two ACTC supporters on motor bicycles issued pocket calendars and handouts in support of ACTC candidates Gajendra Kumara Ponnambalm(candidate no 02) and Sinnathurai Varatharajan(candidate no 10) opposite the Valvettiturai Urban Council. According to the CMEV Monitor, the Valvettiturai Police Station is located nearby. Twenty three (23) and fifty-nine (59) postal votes were registered respectively from Valvettiturai Urban Council and Valvettiturai Police station.
Zonal Education Office, Pattiruppu	At around 10.40 am, the CMEV Field Monitor reported that a white Dolphin van (62-5039) with the photographs and posters of TULF candidate, Krishnapillai known as Vellimali (candidate no 03) was parked inside the Zonal Education Office. Two hundred and forty one (241) postal votes were registered from the department.
Zonal Education Office, Warakapola	<p>On 24<sup>th</sup> March CMEV received a complaint from Dedigama UNP party office alleging that 05 non- government employees were included in the list of postal voters. According the list M.P.Jayaweera of 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Palali, has been named as the certifying officer.</p> <p>On 25<sup>th</sup> CMEV contacted a voter who was named in the above list. He stated that he is not a government employee and that he was not aware of how his name came to be included on the postal voting list. He suspects that someone has intentionally done this in order to deny his voting rights, as he is a UNP supporter.</p> <p>When contacted Mr.Jayaweera informed CMEV that he is a government teacher at Nivatuwa Maha Vidyalaya and that he had also applied for postal voting and marked his postal vote at Zonal Education Office, Warakapola today. He further explained that he came to know about the incident yesterday through the Grama Niladhari of his division and that his forged signature has been used in the application.</p> <p>CMEV contacted P.A. Senaratne, Assistant Election Commissioner of Kegalle District. He informed CMEV that mistakenly their names were replaced with similar names of government employees. He said that they have been identified and that postal ballots were not sent to them. He further assured CMEV that he has taken measures to make arrangements for them to cast their votes on 08<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>On 25<sup>th</sup> March at around 03.10 pm, CMEV contacted the Kegalle District Returning Officer, Mrs.D.M.P.Dissanayake on this account. She informed CMEV that she came to know about the incident yesterday evening and they have started an investigation into the matter. She also said that the perpetrators are yet to be identified.</p>
Rambukana Pradeshiya Sabah	According to the CMEV Monitor, as of 11.30 am, a double cab(252-6894), a tipper( CP LC 9201) and a van(SB TA 4399) were parked within the premises of Rambukana PS. The vehicles were decorated with the propaganda material of UPFA candidate Kanaka Herath(candidate no 04). Fifty two (52) postal votes were registered at the centre.
Leminiar Tami Vidyalayam, Nuwara-Eliya	<p>On 25<sup>th</sup> March, CMEV received reports regarding an alleged attempt to deny voters' rights in Nuwara-Eliya.</p> <p>According to two teachers of Leminiar Tamil Vidyalaya, namely Saraswathi Pawani and Mrs.Rajakumran, they did not receive their postal ballots though they had applied for postal voting. They alleged that the Principal of the School did not submit their applications as they are supporters of National Union of Workers, an ally of UNP.</p> <p>A.Nagarajah a UNP Member of the Kotagala Pradeshiya Sabha informed CMEV that the two teachers were the only postal voters who did not receive postal ballots. He alleges that the principal did this on purpose to deny UNF voters of the franchise.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the Zonal Education Office, Nuwara-Eliya, B.Dharmasisiri Ranasinghe, an administrative officer of the department. He told CMEV that they were not sent postal ballots because their applications had not been received.</p>

Location	Incident
Mahiyangana Zonal Education Office	<p>At around 03.35 pm CMEV Field Monitor reported that 245 applications for postal voting were rejected by the respective Zonal Education Director, Mr.Susil Wijeyatilaka due to late submission.</p> <p>CMEV contacted Susil Wijetilaka who informed CMEV that he received applications from staff until 26<sup>th</sup> of February and due to the transportation problems he was unable to submit the applications on the due date. He further stated that he informed the Assistant Election Commissioner's Office on 26<sup>th</sup> February that he was unable to handover the applications on the due date and an officer instructed him to send the applications by post. Mr.Susil Wijetialka has sent the applications by post, they were rejected and he has no record of who he spoke to.</p> <p>CMEV contacted A.T.M.Talangama, Assistant Election Commissioner of the Badulla District. He stated that they acted according the rules and that the deadlines given by the Election Commissioner and the Director of Mahiyangana Zonal Education Office was responsible for his delay. CMEV has learnt that most of the applicants have applied for election duty and might lose their right to vote.</p>
Maharagama Urban Council	<p>At around 01.00 pm, CMEV Field Monitor reported that UPFA candidate Sudharman Radaliyagoda (candidate no 05) and a group of supporters wearing T-Shirts and Caps displaying the candidate's number were seen within the premises of the Council.</p> <p>At around 01.20 pm, R.A.Somawathi, Certifying Officer of the centre, informed CMEV that they were present in the morning and that she had instructed them to leave the premises. She further stated that since she was inside the building, she was not aware of whether they have entered again . She assured CMEV that she would look into the matter.</p>
Forest Department Head Office, Malabe	<p>On 25<sup>th</sup> March, the CMEV Field Monitor reported that 19 postal vote applications have been rejected due to their late submission.</p>
Eastern Province	<p>CMEV Field Monitors reported that they found the tops of ballot paper envelopes stuck in several postal voting centres. CMEV recorded 02 instances from the Paddiruppu electorate and 01 incident from the Batticaloa electorate.</p> <p>CMEV contacted the Assistant Election Commissioner of Batticaloa, T. Krishnanandalingam. He informed CMEV that this was a mistake and that they had deployed a mobile team to re-issue valid envelopes to postal voters.</p>
Kinniya Urban Council	<p>At around 11.10 am, CMEV Field Monitor reported that a black Pajero(WP C-655) displaying the beetle symbol and candidate no 07 was parked inside the premises of Kinniya PS. Seventeen (17) postal votes were registered at the centre.</p>
Bopey-Poddala Pradeshiya Sabah	<p>At around 12.40 pm, CMEV Field Monitor reported that supporters of UPFA candidates namely Rev.Baddegama Samitha(candidate no 09) and Piyasena Gamage(candidate no 03) and UNP candidate Wijyapala Hettiarachchi(candidate no 11) were campaigning for their respective candidates using the public addressing system near the Bopey-Poddala Pradeshiya Sabha. They came in separate vehicle convoys. CMEV Field Monitor has identified two vehicles as follows;</p> <p>A cab (WPC 100299) belonging to Piyasena Gamage.</p> <p>A three-wheel (SP GE 2660) belonging to Wijayapala Hettiarachchi</p>

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Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake,  
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23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010

Dear Mr. Dissanayake,

### Misuse of Public Property for Campaigning Activities

CMEV continuously receives complaints from political parties and Monitors regarding the blatant misuse of public resources including buildings, vehicles and the involvement of public servants in the election campaign. CMEV has confirmed 32 such incidents as of today.

CMEV brings to your urgent attention that former North Western Provincial Council Member and UPFA candidate Sanath Nishantha(candidate no 02) runs a party office in the Colonization Officers' Quarters (Janapada Niladhari) which belongs to the North Western Province Land Commissioner Department from 26<sup>th</sup> February to date.

CMEV has learnt that the attempts by the officials to remove the office from the premises were obstructed by the candidate.

When CMEV contacted the relevant department a senior officer of the department confirmed that the building belongs to the department and further stated that the candidate illegally maintains his office in the quarters. A complaint has also been lodged with the Anamaduwa Police station in this regard by the department.

CMEV also contacted the Anamaduwa Police Station on this account. A Police officer who insisted on anonymity, confirmed that they have received a complaint in this regard and stated that there are "interferences" to taking action on it.

CMEV has highlighted several instances of the misuse of public resources in previous communiques and has not observed appreciable progress in preventing this malpractice.

While CMEV welcomes your decision to issue directives prohibiting the misuse of public resources, we strongly urge you to exercise the full powers vested in you by the 17th Amendment to the Constitution to halt the misuse of public resources.

We trust that this will meet your urgent consideration. Please be informed that in the public interest we will be releasing the contents of this letter to the media.

Please be assured of our cooperation

Yours sincerely



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06<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Dear Mr. Dissanayake,

### Misuse of Public Property for Campaigning Activities

CMEV learnt that the resources of the Panadura Pradeshiya Sabah blatantly misused for the campaigning activities of UPFA candidate Reginold Coorey(candidate no 12) with the cooperation of the Chairman of the respective Pradeshiya Sabah.

On 05<sup>th</sup> April CMEV received confirmation regarding an instance in which a tractor (37-8162) belonging to the Pradeshiya Sabah was used to plant pillars and flags of the candidate near a fuel station located in Palliyamulla, Panadura at around 14.25 pm. CMEV also learnt that the four labours attached to the Panadura Pradeshiya Sabah were deployed for this work.

When CMEV contacted the Chairman, W.W.N.Sunethra Lal Fernando, he did not respond to any queries and arrogantly challenged to take any actions against him, if possible.

At around 03.00 pm CMEV contacted the Panadura South Police Station to check the action they have taken against the above incident, OIC, HQI Kumaradasa commented that it is not an incident happens in Panadura but occurs frequently throughout the country. CMEV also learnt that the Chairman's official vehicle was provided for a vehicle convoy organized in support of Reginold Coorey from Horethuduwa to Panadura at around 04.30 pm yesterday.

CMEV highlights the irresponsibility of above officers involved and urges you to take action against them.

We trust that this will meet your urgent consideration. Please be informed that in the public interest we will be releasing the contents of this letter to the media.

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### **Parliamentary General Election 2010**

#### **Special Release on Voter Concerns**

**06<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**1000Hrs**

Colombo Sri Lanka CMEV has received reports from the Puttalam and Batticaloa Districts alleging preparations for voter impersonation in the polls on the 08<sup>th</sup>. CMEV urges the Commissioner to investigate these allegations and ensure that all action is taken to prevent voter impersonation.

Illegal applications under displaced category in Puttalam District On 30<sup>th</sup> March, CMEV received a copy of the letter, addressed to the Election Commissioner, from UNP candidate for Vanni District Noordeen Mashoor regarding illegal voter applications under the displaced category in the Puttalm District.

In the letter, he alleged that this was done on the instigation of the incumbent Minister and UPFA candidate Rishard Badiudeen. The letter mentions that most of such voters currently reside in Colombo and Panadura. The rest are either living abroad or have died.

On contacting Noordeen Mashoor's Office, CMEV was informed that in centres highlighted in the letter, there was a remarkable increase in the number of voters compared to the last presidential election.

Manalkunru(PD No.29D), Cassim city(PD No.42D/3), Veppamadu(PD No.23 D/1), Alankuda(PD No.54/D1 & 54D/2), Ulukkappallam(PD No.77D/1& 77/2), Hidayath Nagar(PD No.86D) and Thillayady(PD No.40D) in the Puttalam District and Salampapuram (PD No.43D) in the Anurdhapura District were highlighted in the letter.

An officer attached to Mashoor's office told CMEV that a list highlighting every individual's current status has been prepared in order to identify the illegal applications. According to him, there are around 6,000 such voters. He also informed CMEV that the copies have been given to the Election Commissioner and respective Returning Officer and Assistant Election Commissioner. He said that they were awaiting action in this regard.

On contacting the Assistant Election Commissioner and the Returning Officer of Puttalam, CMEV learnt that they have started investigations into the matter. On 02<sup>nd</sup> April CMEV was told by the Assistant Election Commissioner-Puttalam Mr.A.O.M.Nafeel that in a random check they did based on the list they received from the complainant, they identified around 27 applications with forged signatures of Grama Niladharis. He further explained that since they do not have an updated list of people residing in the camps, it is difficult to compare the lists. He also said that they did not have enough time and resources to conduct a check on an individual basis. He stated that after the consultation with the Commissioner, they would take a decision regarding the mater.

On 03<sup>rd</sup> April CMEV learnt that the Commissioner issued a notice on the issue on 02<sup>nd</sup> April. CMEV got a copy of the notice on 04<sup>th</sup> April.

It is mentioned in the notice that 25,582 displaced voters (21,035 for Vanni and 4,547 for Jaffna) have applied under the displaced category and they will be allowed to cast their votes in centres to be set up in the Puttalam District.

It is further noted in the notice that the lists of displaced voters under this category were displayed in the Puttalam and Mannar Election Offices and in the respective Divisional Secretariats a week ago. They subsequently received complaints from some voters in Mannar that they did not apply under this category. Accordingly, they will be allowed to vote in their regular polling centres in Mannar, the notice states.

It is also stated in the notice that they have identified some applications with forged details and signatures and that in many cases Grama Niladaris had not attested the applications.

CMEV has learnt that applications of those living abroad and deceased were submitted with forged signatures. This is also mentioned in the notice.

It is explained in the notice that the Puttalam Assistant Election Commissioner's Department attempted to get a list of people over 18 yrs through the respective Returning Officer. However, the lists have yet to be submitted by the respective camp officers. Therefore, it is difficult to conduct a fair poll in 37 centres set up in the Puttalam District.

The notice instructs displaced voters to get their respective camp officer and Grama Niladari to attest the form issued by the Department of Election. However there are concerns in respect of the former since camp officers are appointed by Rishard Badiudeen's ministry and with the time period available for this.

On 05<sup>th</sup> April CMEV contacted the respective Returning Officer in this regard, he informed CMEV that the Commissioner has issued another notice today considering all the issues. According to him a declaration will be obtained from voters at the discretion of the SPOs or if a polling agent objects, according to the section 43 of the Parliamentary Elections Act. Measures will be taken to inform the people through Grama Niladharis.

CMEV notes that this is not the first time illegal applications have been submitted from the Puttalam District. During the Jaffna MC and Vavuniya UC Elections, 488 such applications were found and removed by the Election Commissioner. Moreover, the annulment of results in a polling centre due to malpractice has also happened in the Puttalm District in the recent past.

CMEV notes with concern the lack of preparedness for the conduct of the polls and underscores the lack of an updated list of people residing in the camps, though displacement occurred 20 years ago.

CMEV calls upon the respective Returning Officer and Assistant Election Commissioner to act fast to effectively communicate the message to the concerned people and to remove the confusion arising from constant changes of the procedures within a very short period.

Allegations of preparation for systematic voter impersonation On 04<sup>th</sup> April CMEV received a copy of a letter, addressed to the Election Commissioner on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010, from UNP candidate for the Batticaloa District U.L.M.N.Mubeen

He alleged, in the letter, that a UPFA candidate plans large- scale voter impersonation using forged NICs.

The letter states that the candidate in question has visited the town to collect the details of traders who are voters in the Batticaloa District but currently residing outside the District for business purposes. It is also alleged that the candidate has collected a copies of the latter's NICs for purposes of impersonation.

The letter alleges that Mr.Abdul Raheem known as Rupavahini Raheem has been assigned the task of forging NICs and that the candidate has engaged in impersonation in previous elections, including the last Eastern Provincial Council Election.

The letter requests the Commissioner to inform the Police of this and recommends that election officials from Kattankudy not be appointed to this area. Likewise election monitors.

CMEV reiterates its call to the Commissioner to act to ensure that voter impersonation as alleged does not take place.

All CMEV reports and communiques and the CMEV Incidents Google Map can be accessed online at <http://cmev.wordpress.com>

CMEV was formed in 1997 by the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA), the Free Media Movement (FMM) and the Coalition against Political Violence as an independent and nonpartisan organization to monitor the incidence of election related violence. Currently, CMEV is made up of CPA, FMM and INFORM Human Rights Documentation Centre.



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## Geographic Spread of Pre-Election Offences by Type

Date: [09/02/2010 - 07/04/2010]

AREA / OFFENCE	Major Incidents											Major (Total)	Minor Incidents				Minor (Total)	Total No of Incidents	Remarks		
	Murder	Attempted Murder	Grievous Hurt	Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse of State Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction	Damage to Property		Mischief	Threat	Election Offence	Others			Firearms Involved	Polling Cards Related Incidents	Postal Vote Related
Western																					
Colombo					2	2						4	2	1	2		5	9	2		1
Gampaha			1		8	6						15	7	2	4		13	28	5		4
Kalutara				1	1	2		2				7	4	2	5		11	18	2		1
Sub Total (Western)	0	0	1	1	11	10		2	0	0	0	26	13	5	11	0	29	55	9	0	6
Central																					
Kandy			1	1	2	1		2				7	2	1	3		6	13	1		1
Matale					3					1		4	2	1			3	7			1
Nuwara Eliya					11			7		1		26	2	3	3		8	34	9		0
Sub Total (Central)	0	0	1	1	16	1		9	0	2	0	37	6	5	6	0	17	54	10	0	2
North Western																					
Kurunegala	1		1	1	9	1		7				20	3	1	1		5	25	3		1
Puttlam		1	2	1	10	1		2	1			21	3	2	2	1	8	29	4		5
Sub Total (Nor-West)	1	1	3	2	19	2		9	1	0	0	41	6	3	3	1	13	54	7	0	6
North Central																					
Anuradapura			1	1	7	3				2		14	5	2			7	21	6		0
Polonnaruwa				1	2			2				5	1				1	6			0
Sub Total (Nor-Cen.)	0	0	1	2	9	3		2	0	2	0	19	6	2	0	0	8	27	6	0	0
Southern																					
Galle				1		1				1		3	6		4		10	13	1		3
Hambantota					1	2		2				5	17				17	22	2		1
Matara				2	4	4			1			11	14		1		15	26	5		1
Sub Total (Southern)	0	0	0	3	5	7		2	1	1	0	19	37	0	5	0	42	61	8	0	5
Uva																					
Badulla				3	10			9		1		23		2	9		11	34	1		3
Monaragala					4			1				5	2	1	4		7	12			0
Sub Total (Uva)	0	0	0	3	14	0		10	0	1	0	28	2	3	13	0	18	46	1	0	3
Sabaragamuwa																					
Ratnapura				1	6	2		2				11	2	1	5		8	19	5		0
Kegalle					4	1		1				8	1	3	8		12	20	2		2
Sub Total (Sabara)	0	0	0	1	10	3		3	0	0	0	19	3	4	13	0	20	39	7	0	2
Northern																					
Jaffna					2			2				4		4	7		11	15	1		1
Wanni			2	1	4	1		6				14	5	1	5	1	12	26			1
Sub Total (Nothorn)	0	0	2	1	6	1		8	0	0	0	18	5	5	12	1	23	41	1	0	0
Eastern																					
Batticaloa			2	1	2	4		1		4		14	1		1		2	16	4		1
Trincomalee			1									1					0	1			1
Digamadulla				2	2	2		3		1		10	8	2			10	20	2		0
Sub Total (Eastern)	0	0	3	3	4	6		4	0	5	0	25	9	2	1	0	12	37	6	0	2
GRAND TOTAL	1	1	11	17	94	33		49	2	11	0	232	87	29	64	2	182	414	55	0	28

**Alleged Pre-Election Offences by Party**

Date: [09/02/2010 - 07/04/2010]

Perpetrators		Major Incidents											Minor Incidents					Remarks					
		Murder	Attempted Murder	Grievous Hurt	Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse of State Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction	Damage to Property	Major (Total)	Mischief	Threat	Election Offence	Others	Minor (Total)	GRAND TOTAL	Firearms Involved	Polling Cards Related Incidents	Postal Vote Related	
UPFA	UPFA		1	8	8	72	21	42	1	5		5	163	38	19	51	1	109	272	33		21	
	PA				1		1						2		1	1		2	4				
	SLFP					1		1					2					2					
	JHU												0					0					
	CP												0					0					
	LSSP												0					0					
	MEP												0					0					
	NUA												0					0					
	NC												0					0					
	CWC				2	4			3		1		7	1	1	1		3	20	8			
	ACMC												0					0					
	UPF												0			1		1	1				
	DVJP												0					0					
	SLMP												0					0					
UNP	UNP			2	3	6	3			1		15	5	1	2		8	23	4				
	SLMC											0					0	0					
	DPF											0					0	0					
	PLSF											0					0	0					
AITUF											0					0	0						
AITC											0				1	1	1				1		
CDUA											0					0	0						
DNA			1	1	1						3						0	3					
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DUA											0						0	0					
EPPD					1						1			2	4		6	7	1				
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ELMS											0						0	0					
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POLICE											0					1	1	1					
PNG	1			2	8	8			1	4		25	42	4	1		47	72	9		5		
CMEV											0						0	0					
TOTAL		1	1	11	17	94	33	49	2	11	0	13	232	87	29	64	2	182	414	55	0	28	



### Total Number of Incidents by Type (414)

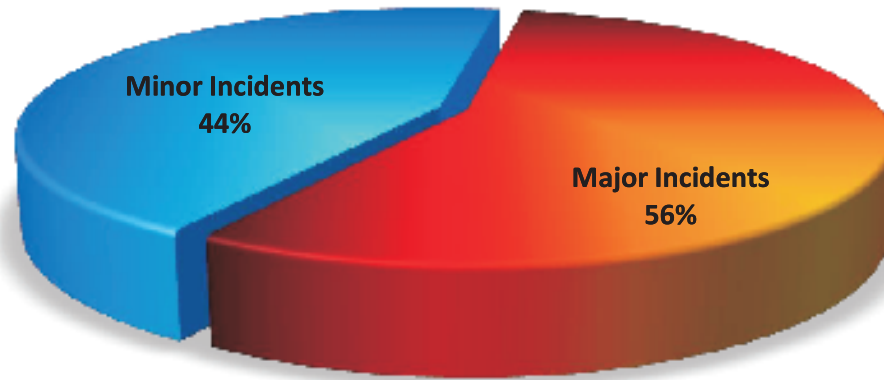


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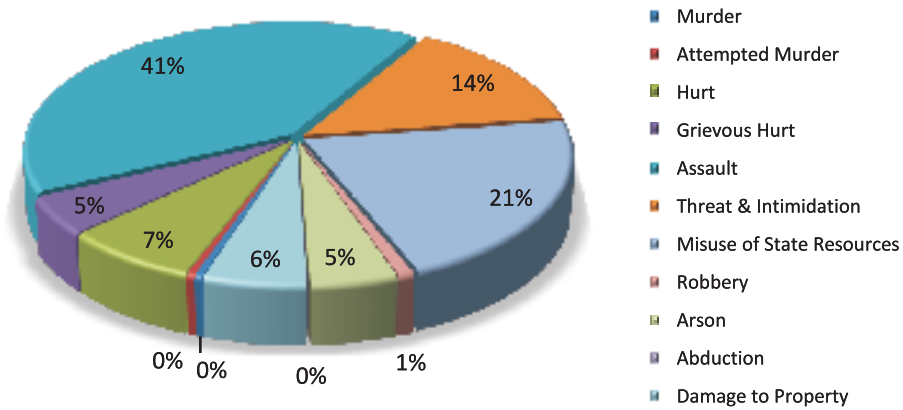


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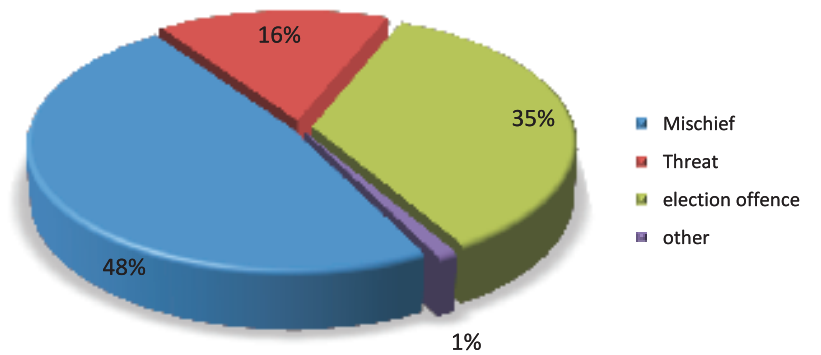
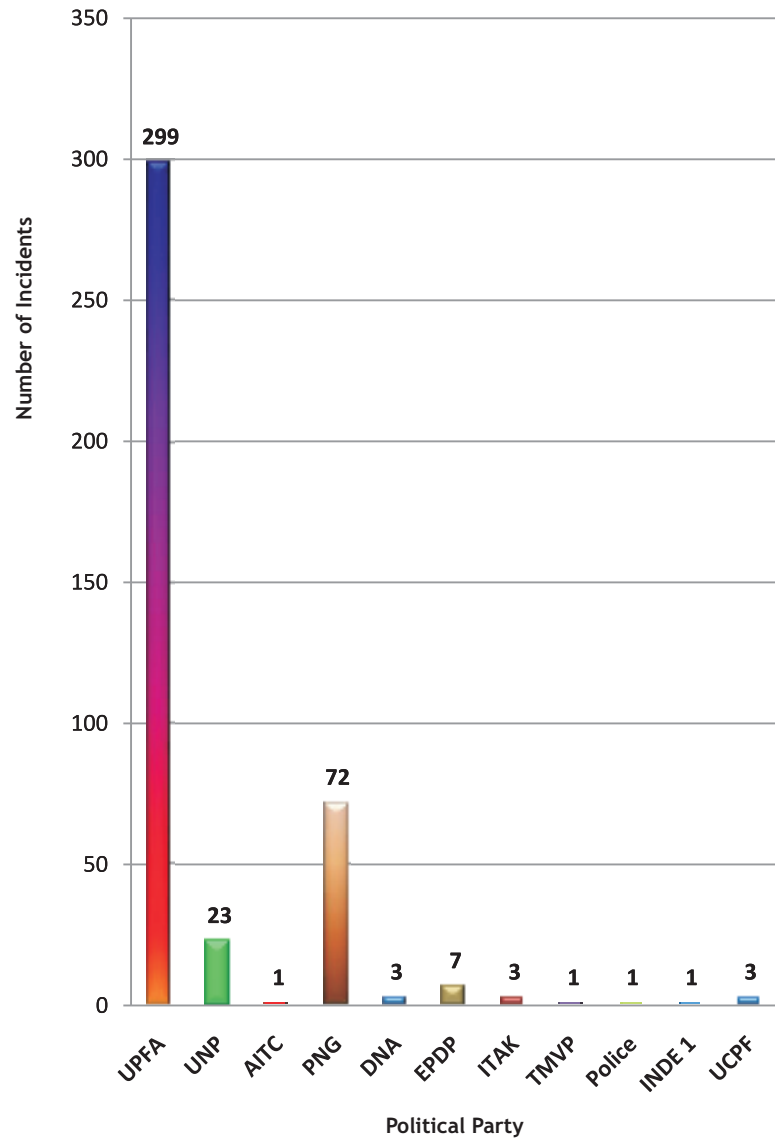


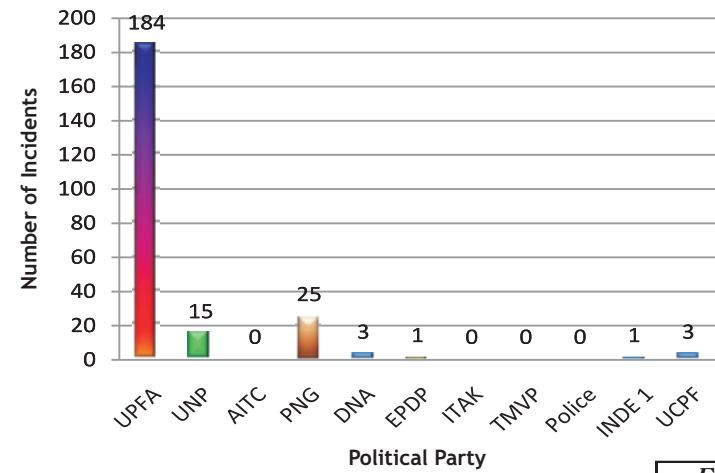
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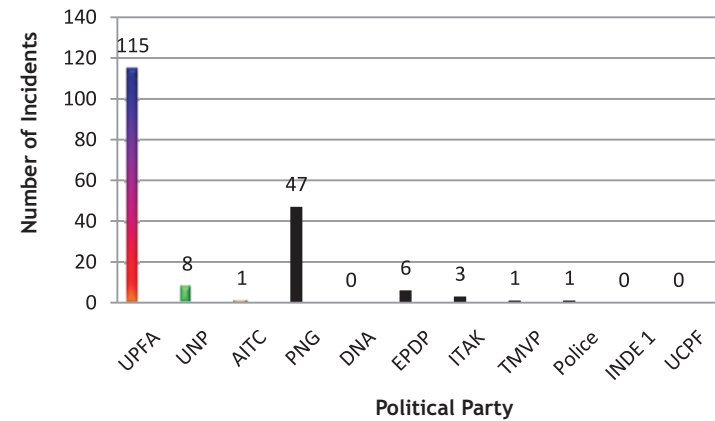
**Figure 04**

### Major Incidents-Alleged Perpetrators by Party (232)



**Figure 05**

### Minor Incidents- Alleged Perpetrators by Party (182)



**Figure 06**

### Profile of Alleged Major Violations by Party (232)

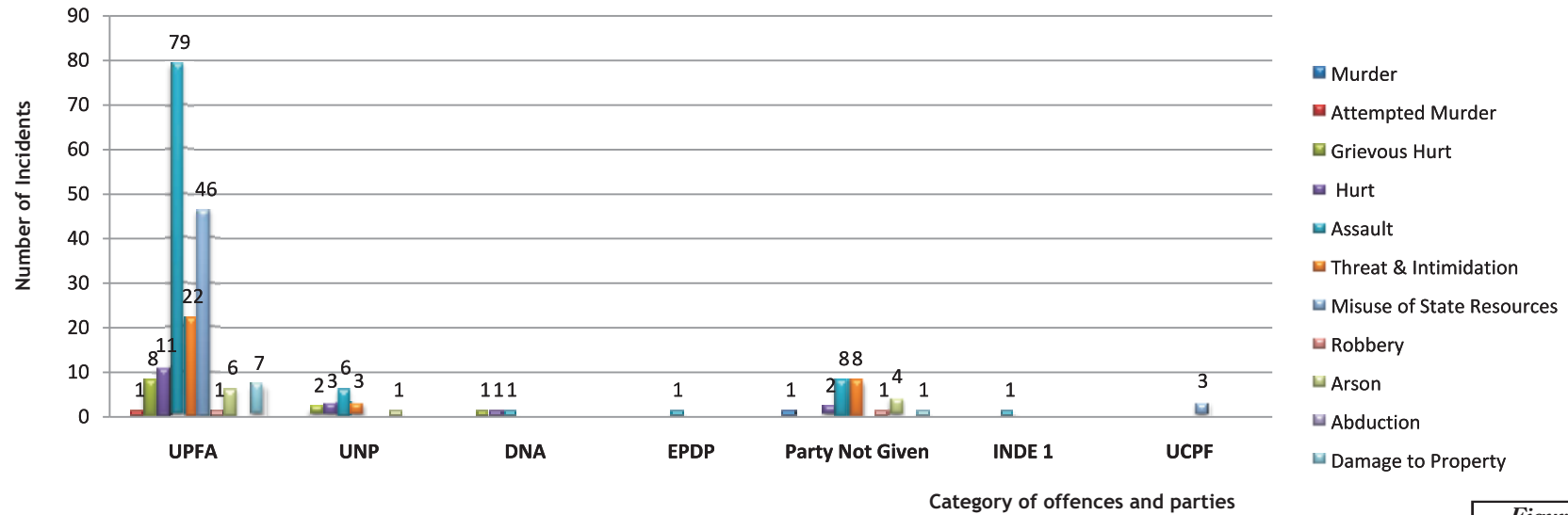


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### Profile of Alleged Minor Violations by Party (182)

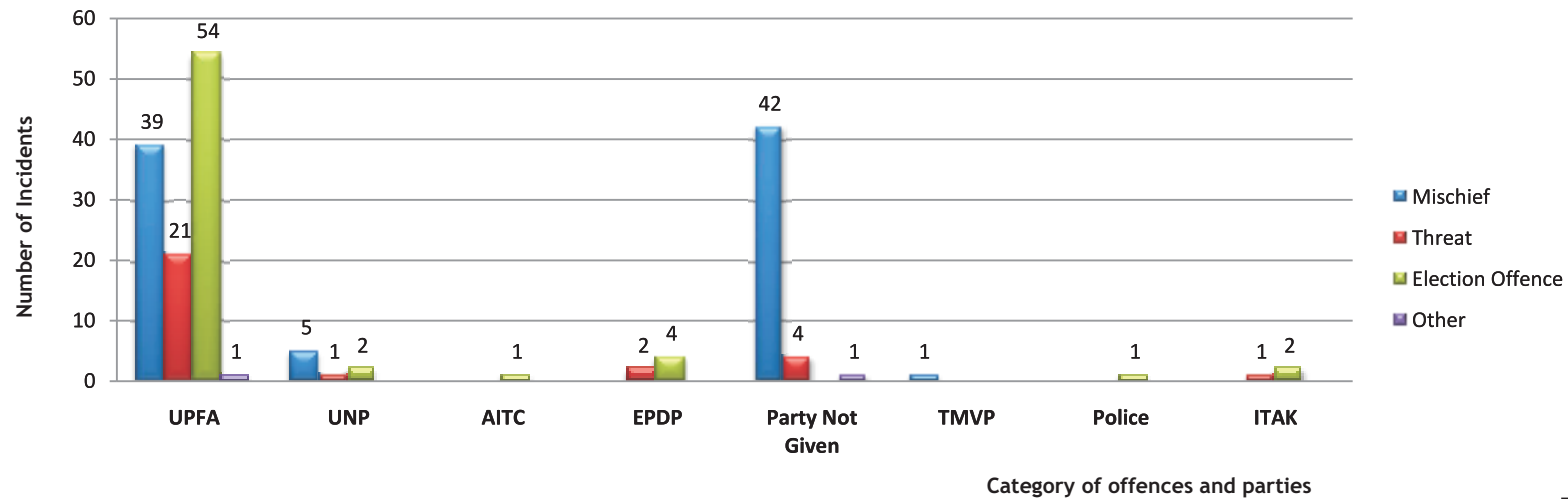
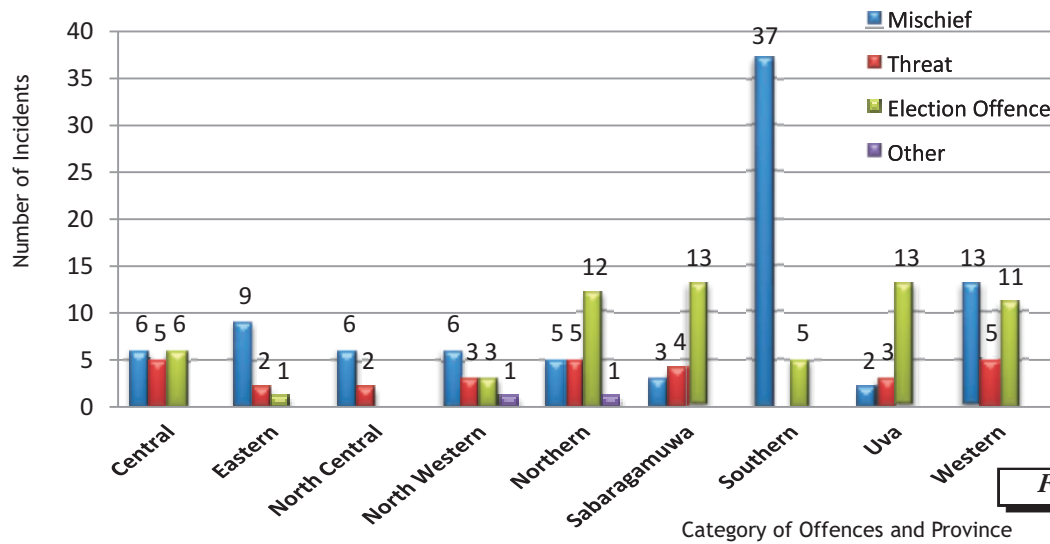
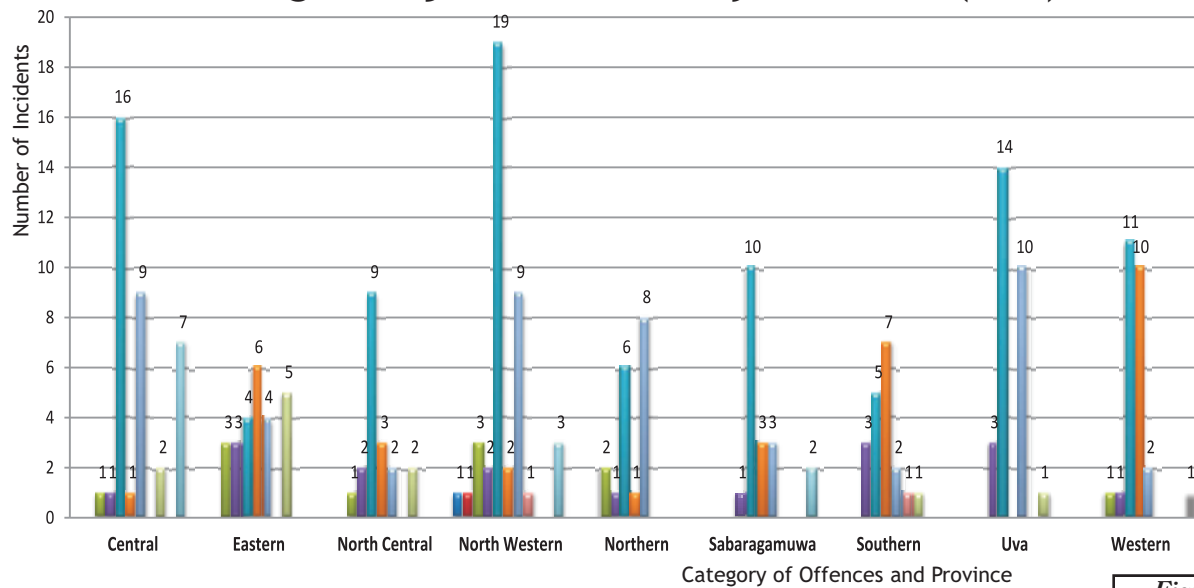


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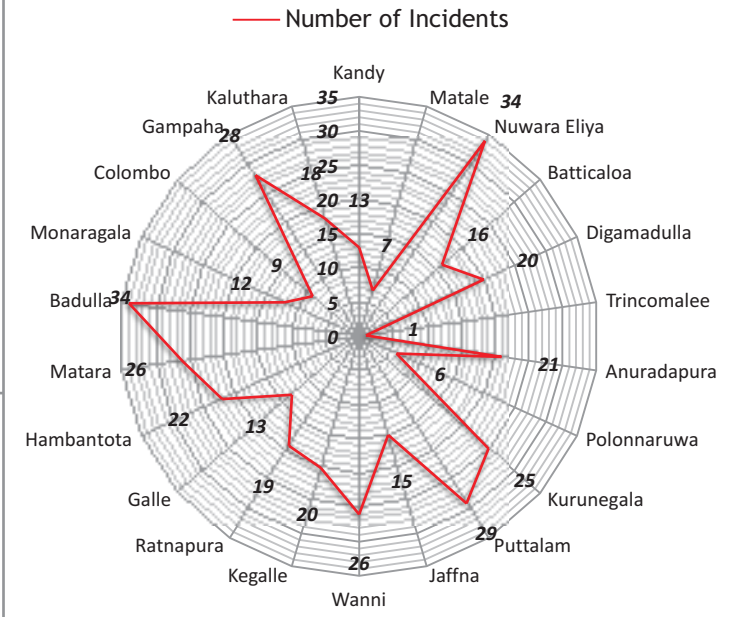
### Profile of Alleged Minor Violations by Province(182)



### Profile of Alleged Major Violations by Province (232)



### Total Incidents by Districts (414)



CMEV conducted 62 workshops at 52 locations island wide to train electorate monitors and election day observers(EDO). Some photographs of workshops are below.

Monitor training - Help age centre, Maharagama



EDO training - Kurunegala

EDO training - Kaduwela - a representative from NDI was also participated



EDO training Nuwara Eliya



Monitor training - Parsi Club Auditorium, Colombo 03

EDO training - Balangoda



EDO training - Hagurnaketha giving oaths to be impartial

CMEV carried out a island wide public interest media campaign during the Parliamentary Election. Some photographs of posters and bill boards displayed at locations of Colombo and suburbs are below.



# Election Day Violence

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Parliamentary General Election 2010

## Some of Photographs taken on the Election Day

Young Men Buddhist Association Hall  
Nawala



CMEV Mobile Team in Meerigama is getting ready to visit a polling centre.

CMEV mobile teams had to reach to some polling centres through roads on this condition too.  
Pitakanda Road - Suriya kanda



None Violence Peace Force teams were always helping to CMEV Monitors in sensitive areas.



Meerigama - Alihar Maha Vidyala  
PS No 41 & 42 - Properganda materials were scattered near polling station



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## Election Day

### Final Media Communique

1900Hrs

08<sup>th</sup> April Colombo Sri Lanka At the close of polls at 4pm, the Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) recorded 84 Major and 202 Minor incidents of election related violence. The majority of incidents recorded during polling hours related to campaigning and other election offences (189). Of the Major incidents there were 6 Assaults and 7 cases of Threat and Intimidation of which 4 involved the use of firearms. The majority of Major incidents related to the intimidatory presence in and around polling stations.

CMEV estimates voter turn out to be between 50-55%. This could be the lowest turnout figures in recent history, as most Presidential and General Elections have seen averages of 65-75%. The lowest turnout for a General or Presidential Election in the last twenty years was the Presidential Election of 1988, which was 55.31%, while the General Election of 1989 registered a 63.6% turn out.

CMEV had warned that the loss of public trust and confidence in the electoral process following the Presidential Election could be reflected in a low voter turnout in the General Election. CMEV reiterates its concern that this low turnout could signal a shift in the political culture of the Sri Lankan electorate, which has enjoyed the franchise for almost seven decades and registered high voter turnout in most elections. The measure of our concern is the contrast in the conditions that obtained in the country in 1988 and the conditions, which obtain today, and the turnout in the two elections. In 1988 there was a JVP insurgency in the south of the country and the LTTE insurgency in the north and east. That Sri Lanka's first post war General Election should elicit such a low level of interest and participation from the electorate is a cause for concern at this crucial juncture in our history.

CMEV urges all political actors to engage in serious reflection on this and take urgent action to restore public trust and confidence in the electoral process that this may well be attributable to. Were the argument to be made that the low turnout is attributable to voters concluding that the result was a foregone conclusion, CMEV draws attention to this election as the one, which recorded the highest number of candidates in any General Election in the country. Clearly they were unable to inspire or enthuse voters.

In this context, CMEV wishes to register its concern about the Ada Derana text message to the effect that the Commissioner will only announce the turn out figure along with the final results. This fuels unnecessary speculation and could further erode public trust and confidence in the electoral process.



## Election Day Incidents Summary

ELECTORAL DIVISION	TOTAL No. OF REGISTERED VOTERS	No. OF POLLING CENTRES	No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED	No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED WITH INCIDENT	INCIDENT
<b>COLOMBO DISTRICT</b>					
Colombo North	95 385	64	18	0	
Colombo Central	139 822	111	49	03	<p><b>Viharamaha Devi College PS Nos 80,90</b> - A t around 10.55 a.m. a three wheeler (206-9658) was observed spreading small propaganda cards belong to UPFA candidates Milinda Moragoda, Rohitha Bogollagama and Dinesh Gunawardana in front of the gates of polling centres.</p> <p><b>Siri Sariputra Maha Vidyalaya Hall No1 PS No73</b> - A group of supporters of R Duminda Silva UPFA candidate No 8 were observed canvassing near the polling station on his behalf.</p> <p><b>Sri Sangaraja Central College Hall No4 PS No 86</b> - The SPO did not make a distinction on which finger was marked with indelible ink .Thereby ignoring the specific guideline provided by the Elections Commissioner to mark only the ring finger with indelible ink.</p>
Colombo East	68 643	48	48	05	All reported insidents were minor.
Colombo West	38 921	32	07	0	
Borella	58 757	42	38	05	<p><b>Dharma Prasadaya, Sri Dharmarama Road Hall No 1 PS No4</b> - A t around 9.50 a.m. a polling agent representing an independent group was observed making a loud remark by saying those who would like to vote for the 'Betel Leaf' please come in this direction.</p> <p>UNP candidate No 4 Ahamed Jamildeen Mohammed Muzzamil was observed distributing pens bearing his name number and party color.</p> <p>Mohan Lal Grero UNP candidate No 15 was observed distributing propaganda cards to those who came to vote.</p> <p>Supporters of UPFA candidates No .8, RDuminda Silva &amp; candidate No.11 Thilanga Sumathipalas were seen pressurizing canvassing for their respective candidates.</p> <p><b>Ananda Balika Maha Vidyalaya polling station No. 20</b> - at around 10.45 am -CMEV Monitor reported that buns were distributed to the voters from a Three-wheeler bearing No. HC - 1860 at the above polling station. They were also distributing Leaflets of UPFA candidate (No. 11) Thilanga Sumathipala.</p> <p><b>Mahinda Vidyalaya Hall No.1 PS No. 15</b> - At around 10.30 am, leaflets bearing No. 11 of UPFA candidate Thilanga Sumathipala were distributed near the above polling station. Three police officers including Police Officer No. 81031 were looking on without taking any action. There was a Police Vehicle bearing No. LD - 6909 nearby.</p>

					<b>Dharma Prasadaya ,Hall No. 2 &amp; 3 PS No. 5</b> - At around 1. 15 pm - Supporters of UPFA candidates Duminda Silva(candidate no 08), Thilanga Sumathipala(candidate no 11) and Rohitha Bogollagama (Candidate no 07)were circling around the centre according to CMEV Field Monitor. CMEV Monitor further informed that the police did not take any actions to disperse them from the place.
Dehiwala	61 194	43	43	05	<b>Pamankada Sangamitta Vidyalaya Hall No 2 PS No2</b> - CMEV static monitor reported that two voters marked their vote together . No official had intervened to stop this illegal act. <b>Dehiwala Methodist School PS No19</b> - A person who entered the polling station was observed by the police to be photographing the voters was subsequently taken into police custody. <b>Dehiwala Nadimala Nursery of Dehiwala Mount Lavinia Municipal Council, PS No.26</b> - At around 12:55 pm, CMEV field monitor reported that voters were influenced to cast their vote for UPFA candidate Dhanasiri Amaratunga (Nom04) within the 500m limit of the polling station. <b>Nedimala Sri Maha Temple PS No 29</b> - At around 12.15 pm, CMEV monitor reported that voters were transported by a vehicle bearing No 59 - 9668.
Ratmalana	66 622	50	43	02	All reported incidents were minor incidents
Kolonnawa	112 363	68	52	02	All reported incidents were minor incidents
Kotte	73 009	57	47	02	<b>Preaching Hall Wickremasingharama Viharaya , Nugegoda PS No36</b> - UPFA candidate No7 Rohitha Bogollagama was seen entering the polling station wearing his picture and the candidate number prominently displayed on his t - shirt.
Kaduwela	158 736	96	40	15	<b>Hokandara Vidyaraja Maha Vidyalaya PS No 68</b> - At around 12.15, vehicle bearing No HD -7014, decorated with stickers bearing the likeness of Mahinda Rajapaksa was observed transporting voters to this polling station. Another vehicle bearing registration no 250-6437 was also seen transporting voters to the polling station. All other reported incidents were minor incidents
Awissawella	108 138	67	39	03	All reported incidents were minor incidents
Homagama	155 720	96	34	02	All reported incidents were minor incidents
Maharagama	121 247	74	58	04	All reported incidents were minor incidents
Kesbawa	148 696	90	79	01	<b>Dampe Junior School PS No 26</b> - CMEV monitor reported that wrong finger was being marked instead of ring finger at this polling station.
Moratuwa	114 601	81	52	01	All reported incidents were minor incidents
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 521 854</b>	<b>1 019</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>50</b>	

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<b>GAMPAHA DISTRICT</b>					
Wattala	103 893	64	38	09	<b>Nayaka Kanda Boys School PS No 25</b> - At around 12.15 pm supporters of UPFA candidate Neil Rupasinghe (12) were observed distributing campaign materials near the gate of the polling station.
Negombo	96 028	64	43	04	<b>St. Joseph Mixed School PS No18</b> - 8 UPFA supporters were observed campaigning for candidates who bear preferential Nos 5, 8 and 16 around the polling station during morning hours of the day. <b>Community Hall at Aliya Pola PS No.3</b> - A person was arrested by the police for distributing propaganda leaflets near the polling station (PNG).
Katana	127 421	79	79	21	<b>St. Sebastien School, Katuwapitiya, PS No 17</b> - the vehicle bearing No 53-6489 was observed transporting voters. A group of 20 to 30 people their political affiliation were not identified, was observed campaigning around the polling station. <b>Samurdigama Youth Centre PS No 43</b> - At around 8.00 am, a group of UPFA supporters was observed campaigning for candidates bear preferential vote nos 5, 8 and 16 near the polling station. <b>Andhi Ambalama Maha Vidyalaya PS No 28</b> - Taxies of Bandaranayake International Airport ( JA - 2724, HF- 8726, GT- 5069, PA -6394) were observed transporting voters. polling agents confirmed that they were belonged to UPFA.
Divulapitiya	99 742	72	45	03	<b>Diyagampola Primary School PS No 17</b> - A vehicle bearing registration No 53-6489 was being used to transport voters to the polling station. <b>Kaluwa Irippuwa Kanishta Vidyalaya PS No 40</b> - around 10 to 15 people seemed to be UPFA supporters were observed congregated out of the polling station. Two vehicle bearing Nos HP- 3483 and JA - 3152 were observed transporting voters. <b>Sri Vijaya Kanishta Vidyalaya, kaluwa Irippuwa west, PS No46</b> - Around 20 people were congregated near the polling station. Few vehicles with UPFA posters were parked near the polling station.
Meerigama	114 566	82	55	07	<b>Alihar Maha Vidyalaya PS No 41&amp; 42</b> - In the morning hours, a UPFA supporters who was campaigning for UPFA candidates Sudarshani Fernandopulle (08) and Ruwan Ranatunga (17) had threatened police officials at the station and fled away when police tried to arrest him. <b>Vijaya Raja Dahana, Swashakthi Praja Shalawa PS No 56</b> - Two UPFA supporters known as Kelum & Seedeve were seen openly canvassing for the UPFA. CMEV Static observer reported that PAFFERAL observer was threatened by UPFA candidate Wasanatha Senanayake (20)

					<b>Borukgamuwa Maha Vidyalaya Hall No1PS No 62</b> - CMEV monitor reported that voters were transported to the polling station. 8 people were observed congregated near the polling station. It was further reported that the wrong finger was marked with indelible ink this polling station.
Minuwangoda	120 860	74	26	02	<b>Ananda Maha Vidyalaya PS No17</b> - SPO informed CMEV mobile monitor that the Chief Minister of Western Province, who visited polling station at around 1.15 pm intimidated election officials to act in illegal manner.
Attanagalla	120 900	80	58	03	<b>Preaching Hall of Napagoda Bodhimalakarama Viharaya, Napagoda.PS No41</b> - UPFA candidate No 19 , Sarana Gunawardenas vehicles decorated with propaganda materials were parked in front of the polling station for a considerable time period.
Gampaha	133 606	83	33	01	Nadungamuwa Siri Seevali Mahavidyalaya PS No45 - UPFA supporters were seen transporting voters in vehicles bearing registration nos 60 -1665 & QY-1934.
Ja-Ela	127 821	70	42	10	<b>St Sebastian Boys School PS Nos 20 &amp; 25</b> - Two vehicles bearing registration Nos 61-4114 and HA - 8508 were prominently parked in front of the polling station with UPFA candidate No 14 Felix Perera's symbol and candidate number with his name displayed on the vehicle. <b>St. Mary's College, Hapugoda PS No 23</b> - At around 9.50 am a group came by the vehicle bearing No HG - 8508 was observed pasting posters of UPFA candidate Felix Perera near the polling station. <b>Ekala GB Senanayaka Maha Vidyalaya PS NO 38</b> - UPFA supporters observed distributing campaign materials of Felix Perera (14) and Basil Rajapaksha (16) for entire day. At around 9.45 am, a group came by the vehicle bearing No 251- 4938 was observed pasting posters of UPFA candidate Felix Perera near the polling station. <b>Batagama North Junior School PS Nos 47, 48 &amp; 49</b> - at around 1.20 pm, around 15 people who were wearing blue caps with No 14 on it were congregated near the polling station. <b>Walpola Dharmarathana Primary School PS No 51</b> - At around 11.20 am about 10 supporters of UPFA Candidate Felix Perera were observed campaigning near the polling station.
Mahara	134 581	78	32	01	<b>S.K.Soori Arachchi Maha Vidyalaya, Gonahena PS No 46</b> - A van with stickers of UPFA candidates Nos 01 & 16 was observed moving around the polling station for whole day. In occasion it was observed transporting a disabled voter.
Biyagama	107 786	66			
Dompe	104 155	74	35	10	<b>Sri Rahula primary school Vanaluwawa polling station (No 69), 6.55 am</b> The JVP representative Wickramaraja who went to the above polling station was assaulted by Dusihtha Priyankara, a supporter of UPFA candidate Upali Gunaratne (no. 9). Further he was not allowed to enter the polling station and all his documents were seized. Wickramaraja had complained about this incident to the police. CMEV static observer confirmed the incident Two voters Ajith Amarasena and Weerakkodi had been threatened by the same perpetrator. A vehicle bearing preferential vote Nos 1 and 16 was observed transporting voters several times.

Kelaniya	83 105	56	51	21	Helena Wijeyawardena Balika Vidyalaya, Waragoda PS No40 - Around 30 UPFA supporters were congregated near the polling station and UPFA posters were observed in the polling station premises.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 474 464</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>92</b>	
<b>KALUTARA DISTRICT</b>					
Panadura	105 569	63	40	0	
Bandaragama	118 942	68	40	01	
Horana	108 781	64	35	01	
Bulathsinhala	74 991	55	30	01	Yatagampitiya Junior School PS No 42 - It was observed that supporters of UPFA candidate No3 Rohitha Abeyagunawardena were canvassing voters coming in to the polling station by requesting them to vote for candidates that they marked for the voters on pieces of paper. The SPO who observed this activity warned the party concerned by saying he will not allow such persons to vote.
Mathugama	99 737	60	41	01	
Kaluthara	106 878	59	42	05	<b>Sri Anandarama Viharaya, Waththamulla PS No 34</b> - At around 12.35, CMEV monitor reported that a vehicle without a registration number and with a blue colour flag displaying No 7 was observed moving around the polling centre. same vehicle had been observed near Nagarukkaramaya, Kavududoowa Ps No 14 too. <b>Waskaduwa Sri Subuthi Vidyalaya PS No 17</b> - at around 11.10 am police officers were observed being inactive to prevent party supporters spreading campaign materials near gate of the polling centre. CMEV monitor observed a supporter of UPFA Candidate No 12 Reginold Cooray, spreading small cards in front of police officers. <b>Roman Catholic College, Kalamulla PS No 42</b> - At around 7.20 am a person who was out side of the polling centre requested loudly vote for No 5. Between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm, two vehicles bearing registration Nos 56-5248 and GE 1809 and a vehicle with UPFA candidate No 11 Rajitha Senaratne were observed transporting voters. A three wheeler bearing No JL 7704 which had a list of voters inside was also observed transporting voters
Beruwala	104 363	66	40	08	<b>Koshena Junior School PS No 02</b> - UPFA candidate No 3 Rohitha abeyagunawardenas supporters were behaving in a boisterous & unruly manner in the polling station premises. <b>Bandaranayaka Maha Vidyalaya, Payagala PS No03</b> - at around 9.10 am, three persons came by a red colour cab intimidated voters to vote for UPFA candidate No 03 Rohitha Abeygunawardana. CMEV mobile monitor reported. <b>Bandaranayaka Maha Vidyalaya, Payagala PS No 04</b> - At around 8.40 am a group of voters complained to CMEV mobile team that vice president of Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha UPFA was campaigning to vote for UPFA candidates.

					<p><b>Aluthgama Sangamitta Girls School polling station No. 42</b> - around 14.50pm CMEV field monitor reported that Beruwala Pradeshiya Saba president UPFA Prasanna Sanjeewa went to meet the SPO, to discuss an identity card issue. SPO informed that the identity cards in question were not clear and therefore they could not be used to cast votes. In response Sanjeewa threatened to the SPO to be killed when finished the voting.</p> <p><b>Halkada vila Maha Vidyalaya PS No22</b> - UPFA supporters were seen transporting voters to the polling station. CMEV monitor recognized some supporters .</p>
Agalawatta	93 972	88	43	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>813 233</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>RATNAPURA DISTRICT</b>					
Ehaliyagoda	89 519	61	32	05	<p><b>Mineripitya Vidyalaya PS No.61</b> - at around 11.00 am, I.P.Somaradne candidate of National Development Front complained to CMEV that a woman Grama Niladhari Officer was distributing leaflets in favor of UPFA candidate Pavithra Wanniarachchi (candidate no 02) near the polling station and obstructed him on the way to visit the polling station.</p> <p><b>Andhagala Vidyalaya PS No 02</b> - At around 9.40 am, a group of people was observed campaigning for UPFA candidate No 02 Pavithra Wanniarachchi.</p>
Ratnapura	108 122	76	57	02	<p><b>Nikagoda Kettaramaya Viharaya.PS No20-</b> A vehicle bearing registrations number 254-1278 which had a prominent poster together with the portrait of Premalal Jayasekara UPFA candidate No13 was used to transport voters.</p>
Pelmadulla	75 685	53	30	02	<p><b>Bambarabotuwa Maha Vidyalaya, Polling Station Number 06</b> - 10.30am CMEV Monitors observed that the place where votes were to be cast were in view of the SPO, Police officers and other observers and therefore the voting at this Polling Station was not secret.</p>
Balangoda	93 468	84	45	-	
Rakwana	92 891	70	39	-	
Nivithigala	86 973	62	27	-	
Kalawana	57 232	48	42	03	<p><b>Meepagama Jayanthi Vidyalaya, Polling Station no. 23</b> - at around 3.30 pm, the CMEV monitor observed that a lorry (LS- 4827) bearing the candidate number of UPFA candidate Janaka Wakkumbura (No. 8) transported a group of voters to the polling station.</p>
Kolonna	62 763	87	60	06	<p><b>Liyanagama United Funeral Society Hall PS No1</b> - around 6 people were congregated near the polling station and campaigning for UPFA candidate No13 Premalal Jayasekara.</p> <p><b>Heswatta Tamil School, PS No. 72</b> - at around 2.15pm CMEV Monitor reported that a group of around 15-20 Tamil youths were telling voters in the queue to vote for the UNP and then were seen hanging around nearby.</p>

					<b>Sri Sarananda Vidyalaya, Maduwanwela PS No 76</b> - at around 7.30 am CMEV monitor reported that voters were transported by a bus which had posters displaying UPFA symbol and preferential No 7. CMEV was reported that Nilantha Kaluarachchi a supporter of UPFA candidate Sunny Rohana (No. 12) was assaulted by UPFA candidate Jayatissa Ranaweera (No. 7) and his supporters. Mr. Kaluarachchi, who was assaulted with the weapon belonging to UPFA candidate Ranaweera, had admitted to the Embilipitiya Hospital.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>666 653</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>KEGALLE DISTRICT</b>					
Dedigama	83 554	60	24	01	
Galigamuwa	64 565	51	21	-	
Kegalle	67 118	49	33	02	<b>Pussella Gamini Junior School PS No.18</b> - at around 8:35 am, CMEV monitor reported that two supporters of the UPFA were distributing cards bearing the preferential nos of Jagath Balasooriya, No. 2 and Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, No. 8, in front of the polling station.
Rambukkana	62 325	45	45	09	All reported incidents were minor.
Mawanella	83 066	57	36	04	All reported incidents were minor.
Aranayaka	51 391	43	33	01	<b>Deyyanwala Kanishta Vidyalaya PS No.14</b> - at around 5:00 am - CMEV monitor was informed by Upul Kariyawasam UNP party organizers, that P V Abeyratne UNP polling agent had assaulted by a unidentified group while he was on the way to the above polling station. Following the assault he had been tied to a tree. Mr. Abeyratne was found after he was noted missing from the Polling Station by relatives and he was immediately admitted to the Dikpitiya hospital and was discharged after receiving treatment. An entry has not been lodged with the police.
Yatyanthota	69 964	56	47	-	
Ruwanwella	70 448	55	35	04	All reported incidents were minor.
Deraniyagala	61 507	54	24	02	All reported incidents were minor.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>613 938</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>23</b>	

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<b>KURUNEGALA DISTRICT</b>					
Galgamuwa	96 354	66	34	02	<b>Janasetha Samurdhi Madura PS No 31</b> - at around 7.45 am CMEV monitor reported that the voters were influenced to vote for preferential number 15 of UPFA candidate by the gatekeeper of Janasetha Samurdhi Madura.
Nikaweratiya	87 904	64	44	06	<b>Millagoda D.S.Senanayaka Maha Vidyalaya PS No 29</b> - At around 9.55 am, more than 10 vehicles with posters and stickers of UPFA candidate Jonston Fernando on which his preferential vote No and symbol printed were parked near and inside of the polling station. Some of vehicles had no Number plates. CMEV monitor observed some of vehicles were being used to transport voters. <b>Mahasen National School PS Nos 27,28 &amp; 30</b> - Mr Somapala Herath, affiliation not reviled, complained to CMEV that the three wheeler belong to Mahinda the president of Nikaweratiya Three-wheelers Society was being used to transport voters.
Yapahuwa	105 779	67	51	02	All reported incidents were minor.
Hiriyala	92 150	59	44	10	<b>In front of Shanthi Café, Malsiripura - between 7.00- 7.30 am</b> CMEV monitor reported that supporters of UPFA candidate Johnston Fernando No.14 have assaulted the M.A.P.Devapriya, member of Ibbagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha while he was arriving to vote A complaint has been lodged at the Gokaralla Police Station by Devapriya under the complaint number MOIB 341/59. <b>Eksath Maranadara Society, Ihala Gokarella No 19</b> - At around 2.00 pm a group of 5 Persons was observed influencing voters saying vote for UPFA candidate No 17 Salinda Dissanayaka. They were seen inside the 500 meters of f the polling station.
Wariyapola	71 903	51	32	01	<b>Thambarawa Health Centre PS No 16</b> - CMEV monitor reported that they CMEV and PAFFERAL observers were instructed to remain out of the polling centre till ballot boxes are been sealed by the SPO.
Panduwasnuwara	70 131	51	37	02	All reported incidents were minor.
Bingiriya	82 441	61	38	-	
Katugampola	89 310	65	39	02	All reported incidents were minor.
Kuliyapitiya	94 743	70	35	01	<b>Diyakalamulla Sripathy Rajakiya Vidyalaya PS No 66</b> - At about 10.20 a.m a person was assaulted in front of the polling station. their political affiliations were not identified. Except UPFA polling agents, other all polling agents were absent for whole day.

Dambadeniya	89 631	61	38	02	
Polgahawela	73 283	54	23	01	
Kurunegala	81 523	50	43	02	<b>Angangala Rajamaha Viharaya Preaching Hall PS No 40-</b> In the morning hours, a vehicle which had a poster of UPFA candidate No 14 Jonston Perera was observed transport voters three times. UNP polling agent forced a female voter to vote for Ashok Abeysinghe UNP candidate no 7.
Mawathagama	82 656	57	17	07	All reported incidents were minor.
Dodangaslanda	65 846	46	41	03	All reported incidents were minor.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,183,654</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>41</b>	
<b>PUTTALAM DISTRICT</b>					
Puttalam	102 643	105	81	27	<p><b>Alankuda Muslim Maha Vidyalaya PS No.54</b> - Reportedly about 25 voters were unable to cast their vote as their names and NIC numbers printed incorrectly in electoral list.</p> <p><b>Puttalam Ettalai Catholic Vidyalaya.No 56</b> - CMEV static observer reported that voters were transported by two vehicles their registration numbers were not identified.</p> <p>Tamil School Udappuwa PS No10 &amp; 11 - At around 9.26am a vehicle bearing No 62-6651 totally covered with stickers of UNP Candidate No 05 Abdeen Shahiya Seinul was observed transporting voters.</p> <p><b>Pulichchikulima Umar Farook School No14</b> - At around 9.26 am a three wheeler bearing No GS- 6202 with stickers of UPFA candidate No 01 Rishard Badhudeen and party symbol was observed transporting voters.</p> <p><b>Manalthiw Tamil Junior School PS No 23</b> - At around 12.12pm CMEV monitor reported that around 25 supporters of UPFA candidate No 01 K.A.Bais were congregated in front of the polling station. At around 12.35 pm , it was observed transporting the voters to the polling station by supporters of KA Bais in a ash colour vehicle.</p> <p><b>Sahira Muslim Maha Vidyalaya Puttalam PS Nos 25,26 and 27</b> - At around 10.40 am supporters of UPFA candidate No 01 KA Bais observed campaigning vote for No 01.</p> <p>Muslim Maha Vidyalaya, Killayadi PS No 40 - At around 15.45 pm Manafdeen, a supporter of Douglas Devananda EPDP, complained CMEV that a group of supporters came by a van bearing No 250 -2306 forcibly entered to the polling station.</p> <p><b>Muslim Maha Vidyalaya Palliyawasthurei PS No 60</b> - At around 6.00 am CMEV monitor was threatened not to come for monitoring to this station by Sifai, Sismin, Naim and Samurthi Officer Asiri those who were supporters of UPFA candidates No 01 K.A.Bais and No 01 (Vanni) Rishard Badhudeen.</p> <p>At around 12.42 pm CMEV was reported that some voters were assaulted by a group consisting 10 to 15 supporters of K.A.Bais.</p> <p><b>Al- Aksha National School Nos 67 &amp; 68</b> - 3:30 pm CMEV monitor reported that a</p>

					<p>supporter of UPFA candidate No 05, Dayasritha Tissera namely Kallapichchey was found to be engaged in canvassing in the vicinity of the polling station.</p> <p>Vans bearing Nos GQ 2568, 56-2402, 250 - 3940 , 251 - 4011 and Cabs bearing Nos QS 7088, 251-3940, and 58- 9481 were observed transporting voters to the station.</p> <p>CMEV static observer reported that 50 - 60 persons were seen milling around the polling station for whole day.</p> <p><b>Hidiyan Nagar Muslim School PS No 86</b> - At around 12.35 pm CMEV monitor reported that supporters of UPFA Vanni District candidate Rishard Baduideen were campaigning at the gate of the polling station.</p>
Anamaduwa	101 696	91	81	05	<p><b>Thalgaswewa Kaishta Vidyalaya PS No 26</b> - At around 11.38 am, a group of supporters of UPFA candidate No 09 Priyankara Jayaratne was seen canvassing around the polling station. The complaint was made by Indrani Dasanayake a supporter of UPFA candidate WM Nissanka.</p>
Chilaw	108 244	82	51	04	<p><b>Thambagalla Kanishta Vidyalaya PS Nos 62 &amp; 63</b> - CMEV mobile team observed a group of supporters of UPFA candidate No 07 Niomal Perera transporting voters by vehicles which didn't have registration numbers.</p> <p><b>Bangadeniya Kanishta Vidyalaya PS Nos 23 &amp; 24</b> - At around 8.40 am a vehicle displaying preferential number and party symbol of UPFA candidate Sanath Nishantha was observed distributing hand-bills.</p>
Nattandiya	83 218	64	36	-	
Wennappuwa	99 774	75	26	01	<p><b>Vaikkala Kanishata Vdyalaya PS Nos 40 &amp; 41</b> - at around 11.00am, a group of supporters of UPFA candidate No 04 Arundika Fernando was observed distributing hand-bills and pasting posters by traveling a vehicle of which registration number was covered.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>495,575</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>37</b>	
<b>JAFFNA DISTRICT</b>					
Kyts	53 111	47	39	-	
Vaddukoddai	63 992	57	34	-	
Kankasanthurai	69 082	58	18	03	<p><b>Illavalai Holy Family Convent PS No 06, Mareesan Koddal Roman Catholic School PS No07, Illavalai St. Henry College PS No 08</b> - At around 10.30 am supporters of UPFA candidate No 08 Douglas Devananda were observed transporting voters by a blue colour van bearing No HS 7294.</p>
Manipay	71 114	62	55	-	
Kopay	65 808	60	16	-	

Udupiddy	56 426	53	39	03	Karanavai Thamothara Vidyalayam, halls no 1, 2 and 3, PS No 30, 31, 32 - At around 11.40 am CMEV was reported that supporters of UPFA candidate No 08 Douglas Devananda (EPDP) were seen transporting voters to the polling stations. The vehicles were bearing registration numbers 253-7783 and 252-7950. He was also seen providing soft drinks and other refreshments to the voters and compelling them to vote for him.
Point Pedro	48 613	43	39	-	
Chavakachcheri	65 141	51	41	01	At around 12.30 pm CMEV monitor reported that UPFA candidate No04 Alexander Soosaimuthu and seven supporters of EPDP allegedly threatened Amirthalingam a supporter of AITC, not to go to vote at his house.
Nallur	72 558	52	35	-	
Jaffna	64 714	43	41	-	
Kilinochchi	90 811	95	37	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>721 370</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>07</b>	
<b>VANNI DISTRICT</b>					
Mannar	85 322	68	64	04	Sinnapullachi Potkeny Multi-purpose Hall PS No 45 and GMM School PS No 49 - at around 3.00 pm, CMEV monitor reported that supporters of UPFA candidate No 01 Rishard Baduideen transported voters using busses bearing Nos NA 4051, NA 4056 and NA 3260 from Puttalam to Potkeny. Badarawali Maha Vidyalayam PS No 48 and Purathurai RCTM Vidyalayam PS No 51 - Between 9.00 am and 11.00 am, supporters of UPFA candidate Rishard Baduideen were observed campaigning near above polling stations.
Vavuniya	112 924	91	70	03	Gamini Maha Vidyalayam PS No 30 - 11.30 am CMEV reported that about 100 IDPs had convened at Gamini Maha Vidyalayam in order to vote but were milling around because the SLTB buses, which were scheduled to arrive had not come to the location (this transport was supposed to be organized by the Election Commissioner for the IDPs to go to their polling station). Sri Murugan Vidyalayam PS No 106 D - At around 8.45 am, a person was arrested by police at the polling station as he was possessing some leaflets. His party affiliation was not identified.
Mulathive	69 082	50	18	03	Tamil Madya Maha Vidyalaya PS No 12 ,18 and 21 - at about 08.00 am, CMEV Mobile Monitor reported that IDP voters who were provided SLTB buses by the Elections Commissioner for transport to the polling station, were asked to get off in a location other than the polling station. This has been done by the police officers and the Grama Sevaka.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>266 975</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>08</b>	

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<b>ANURADHAPURA DISTRICT</b>					
Medawachchciya	75 683	75	31	-	
Mihinthale	59 137	57	36	06	<b>Payandikulam Vidyalaya PS No. 26</b> - 14.35 p.m. CMEV monitor was not allowed to enter the polling station and SPO denied to give information.
Horowpathana	73 590	64	47	11	<b>Muttarawewa Vidyalaya PS No.06</b> - CMEV Mobile team reported that a group of 50 supporters of UPFA were assembled in the premises Horowpathana Pradeshiya Sabha and held a meeting around 9.15 a.m. The president of Horowpathana Pradeshiya Sabha was seen intimidating voter in front of the polling centre around 9.30 a.m. <b>Pannawa Muslim Vidyalaya PS No 13</b> - CMEV mobile team reported that around 11.25 a.m. some supporters of UPFA candidate Duminda Dissanayake (No.06) had distributed the T-shirts, leaflets and posters near the polling station
Anuradhapura East	88 157	81	39	01	<b>Eksath Pubudu Funeral community Hall, III step PS No. 38</b> - 7.45 a.m. CMEV Mobile team reported that some leaflets of UPFA candidate Duminda Disanayake (no 6) were being distributed near the polling station by his supporters who arrived there in an ash color cab without number plates
Anuradhapura West	93 534	89	26	01	
Kalawewa	115 275	97	76	06	<b>Lolugaswewa Community Hall PS No.74</b> - Between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon, a vehicle bearing registration no 51-0786 was observed transporting voters to the polling station. Strikers of UPFA candidate No 6 Duminda Dissanayaka were pasted on the vehicle. <b>Mahasena Maha Vidyalaya PS No.06</b> - around 7:55 am CMEV mobile team reported that approximately six supporters of UPFA candidate Duminda Dissanayake (no 6) were seen standing near the polling station wearing tea-shirts displaying the preferential number 06 of Duminda Dissanayake
Kekirawa	73 885	64	37	01	<b>Kekirawa Muslim Vidyalaya PS No.20</b> - A vehicle that displayed a blue banner was observed transporting voters in the morning hours.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>579 261</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>25</b>	

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<b>POLONNARUWA DISTRICT</b>					
Minneriya	77 084	63	33	02	All reported incidents were minor.
Medirigiriya	72 402	57	38	-	
Polonnaruwa	130 851	111	79	13	<p><b>Abanganga Dakunuella Vidyalaya PS No79</b> - About ten persons were observed congregating near the polling station in the morning.</p> <p><b>Leelaratne Wijesinghe MV PS No.40</b> - About six persons were observed congregating near the polling station.</p> <p><b>Mudunkadawela Vidyalaya PS No.5</b> - About ten persons were observed congregating near the polling station.</p> <p><b>Abanganga Dakunuella Vidyalaya PS No79</b> - About ten persons were observed congregating near the polling station in the morning.</p> <p><b>Leelaratne Wijesinghe MV PS No.40</b> - About six persons were observed congregating near the polling station.</p> <p><b>Mudunkadawela Vidyalaya PS No.5</b> - About ten persons were observed congregating near the polling station.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>280 337</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>KANDY DISTRICT</b>					
Galagedara	52 553	44	26	-	
Harispattuwa	147 475	101	36	02	<b>Thelabhugahawatta Muslim College PS No.81</b> - CMEV monitor reported that around 11.00 a.m. a vehicle bearing no SG HJ 8383 was observed campaigning for UPFA candidate No 13 Faizer Musthafa.
Pathadumbara	78 688	53	48	-	
Ududummbara	55 629	50	-	-	
Theldeniya	45 144	41	14	03	All reported incidents were minor.
Kundasale	85 857	42	29	01	<b>Bavinna Kanishta Vidyalaya PS No 03</b> - Around 9.30 CMEV monitor reported that UNP polling agents have been threatened by a person identified as Linton. they have left the station following the incident.

Hewaheta	65 176	47	36	07	<b>Galaha Estate Superintendant's Office PS No20</b> - from 7.00 a.m to 8.00 a.m eight persons were seen distributing UPFA leaflets near the polling station <b>Kondadeniya Junior Vidyalaya Hall No1 PS No07</b> - Around 12 -15 of persons who came by 4 vehicles were milling about the polling station. Their party affiliation was not identified.
Senkadagala	72 906	42	-	-	
Mahanuwara	36 938	25	-	-	
Yatinuwara	76 996	51	18	-	
Udunuwara	76 812	55	38	-	
Gampola	91 146	59	27	02	<b>Udagama Maha Vidyalaya PS No. 32</b> - around 2:40pm. CMEV monitor reported that voters at the polling station complained that they have been obstructed from casting their vote by a group of UPFA supporters affiliated to UPFA candidate No 4 Mahindananda Aluthgamage. When CMEV monitors went to the polling station, they witnessed a group of 30 people with one person from the group was wearing a t-shirt of Mahindananda Aluthgamage. <b>Wickramabahu National School Hall No2 PS No51</b> - Two vehicles including the vehicle bearing No 250-2061 were seen transporting voters to the station. A poster of UPFA candidate No4 Mahindananda Aluthgamage was displayed on one vehicle. About 30 UPFA supporters of candidate No4 were seen milling about the polling station.
Nawalapitiya	85 136	57	23	16	<b>Dolosbage Polling Centers 10-15 polling stations(including PS Nos 02,09,10,18,38,39,40,41,43,55)</b> - at about 2:00 p.m. An UNP supporter complained to CMEV that an unidentified group of individuals wearing masks chased out party agents of the United National Party (UNP) and Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP). The alleged group had forcefully taken appointment letters, and electoral lists belonging to the victims (UNP-JVP party agents). <b>St. Andrews Boys School P S No 57</b> - around 09.00 am CMEV Monitor reported that 6 three wheelers pasted with posters containing the preferential number of UPFA candidate no 04 Mahindananda Aluthgamage were parked in front of the polling centre. A group of 20 people had gathered around three wheels. <b>Weligampola Isipathanaramaya preaching hall PS No 52 and 53</b> - around 1.15 p.m. CMEV Field Monitor reported that voters in polling centre complained that supporters of UPFA candidate No 04 Mahindananda Aluthgamage are allegedly stuffing ballot boxes. <b>Nawalapitiya electorate - 1:40 pm.</b> CMEV field monitor reported that voters were transported from Dolosbage to Nawalapitiya in CTB buses (WP NA4228, WPNA4928) allocated to SPOs to do election duty. <b>Warakawa Junior School Polling Centre No.36, Kadireshan Maha Vidyalaya PS No 54, Anurudda Kumara National School PS No 56</b> - around 12.20 pm CMEV monitor reported that voters alleged that their ballot papers were given marked on beetle leaf symbol. <b>Alugolla Kanishta Vidyalaya PS No 02</b> - around 10.30 a.m. CMEV mobile team observed snatching NICs of voters by a group of supporters of UPFA candidate Mahindananda Aluthgamage himself was presented in the seen.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>970 456</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>31</b>	

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<b>NUWARA ELIYA DISTRICT</b>					
Nuwaraeliya - Maskeliya	247 269	192	140	13	<p><b>Government Teachers Training School PS No8</b> - At around 11.30 a.m. Three persons in the polling station premises were harassing voters asking them to vote for a specific candidate.</p> <p><b>Great Western Tamil Maha Vidyalaya PS No14</b> - At around 10.50.am CMEV Monitor reported that supporters of UPFA candidate Shanthini Chandrasekaran candidate No 9 were seen influencing voters near the polling station to cast a preferential vote for their respective candidate.</p> <p><b>Barathi Tamil Maha Vidyalaya PS No 18</b> - About thirty persons their party affiliation were not identified were observed intimidating voters near the polling station.</p> <p><b>Barechell watta Vidyalaya PS No 20</b> - at around 12.55 p.m. CMEV Monitor reported that CWC supporters intimidated voters to vote for UPFA in the area of Thalawakele town.</p> <p><b>Mattakele Tamil Vidyalayam PS No 22</b> - About twenty persons their party affiliation were not identified were observed intimidating voters within the 500 meter exclusion zone.</p> <p><b>Sumana Central College PS No 77</b> - At around 10.10 a.m. few supporters of UNF candidate No 07 Bharathi Dasan was seen intimidating voters within the 500 limits of the polling centre.</p> <p><b>Kandapola Maha Vidyalaya PS No 66</b> - At around 4.10 p.m. A group of drunken people their party affiliation were not identified, obstructed polling officials requesting to vote after polling was closed. Police officers were seen not taking necessary action. This was reported by CMEV monitor.</p>
Kothmale	70 730	64	40	03	
Hanguranketha	65 969	66	51	03	<b>Udagala Uda Junior School.PS No23</b> - about nine persons (PNG) were observed intimidating voters within the 500 meter exclusion zone.
Walapane	73 369	67	27	01	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>457 337</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>MATALE DISTRICT</b>					
Dambulla	119 453	97	17	05	<b>Namatagahawatta Muslim Maha Vidyalaya PS No 41</b> - Supporters of UPFA candidate Janaka Bandara Tennakoon (PN 5) have been canvassing near the above mentioned polling center requesting the voters cast their preference to number 5 at around 8.15am according to CMEV mobile monitor.

Laggala	64 696	67	43	01	Elagamuwa Government School PS.No10 -As one voter has been impersonated by another person, original voter lost his right to vote
Matale	75 154	57	42	01	
Rattota	83 381	74	46	02	Warakamuwa Anver Madya Maha Vidyalaya Hall No1,PS.No19 - UPFA candidate No2 Mohammed Hilmys' supporters were seen milling around the polling station.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342 684</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>09</b>	
<b>GALLE DISTRICT</b>					
Balapitiya	50 109	49	40	-	
Ambalangoda	68 780	58	42	02	Majuwana Sri Indrasara Piriwena PS No53 - at around 1.10 p.m. Supporters of UPFA candidate Nishantha Muthuhettigama were seen transporting voters by the vehicle bearing No 54-7124.
Karandeniya	67 025	58	40	-	
Benthara- Elpitiya	84 772	72	31	02	
Hindiuma	94 245	85	76	07	<p><b>Malamura Junior School No43</b> - A vehicle plastered with UPFA material was being used to transport voters to and from the polling station.</p> <p><b>Sri SambuddaJayanthi Viharasthanaya No. 60</b> - 8 persons who were unable to mark their votes had their votes cast by the SPO or the JPO in the absence of a third person from the polling staff being present as witness.</p> <p><b>Thalangaha Junior School PS No 29</b> - The house of Chamonda Karunaratne a supporter of UPFA candidate Nishantha Muthuhettigama, had been damaged by shooting in the previous night. Perpetrators were not identified.</p> <p><b>Tavalama at 6. 30 am</b> - CMEV Field Monitor reported that a group of around 100 supporters of UPFA candidate No 03 Piyasena Gamage, including Provincial Councillor Randima Gamage, threatened using a gun, the driver of the vehicle bearing No 58-2620 where the co ordinating officer of Chandima Weerakkody and 2 others that were traveling . They have also attacked the vehicle and inflicted damage upon it.</p> <p><b>Weerapatha</b> - At around 2.30a.m. Amarasiri Amarasinghe a supporter of Nishantha Muthuhettigama was threatned that <i>if go to vote, you will kill</i> by an unidentified group of peoplewhile minor damages had done to his house.</p> <p><b>Dadiwela</b> - At around 2.40 a.m. P.K.Darshana a supporter of Nishantha Muthuhettigama was threatned not to go to vote by an unidentified group of people who entered into house and they have fired two shots in the house.</p>
Beddegama	89 805	80	54	03	<p><b>Sri Dharmakara Viharasthanaya Walethota PS No14</b> - A three wheeler was observed transporting voters to the polling station.The vehicle bore UPFA stickers.Propaganda cards belonging to UPFA candidate No12 Sachin De Vaas Gunawardena and UNP candidate No1 Vajira Abeyawardena.</p> <p><b>Galle Hammaliya Junior School PS No 4</b> - UPFA supporters were seen pasting posters bearing the candidate numbers within the polling station premises.</p>

Ratgama	74 442	66	40	-	Elagamuwa Government School PS.No10 -As one voter has been impersonated by another person, original voter lost his right to vote
Galle	71 575	61	35	01	Kumarakanda Kumara Maha Vidyalaya No.6-UPFA supporters were observed transporting voters to this polling station.
Akmemana	84 872	69	40	02	Meepawala Amarasooriya Maha Vidyalaya PS No 07 -At around 9.30.a.m. a UPF A supporter complained to CMEV that a group of UPFA supporter is campaigning for UPFA preferential Nos 11,08 and 05. they have intimidated people to vote for them. Ananda Maha Vidyalaya PS No 18- at around 7.30 a.m. a tension situation arose as a camera man who came with UPFA candidate No 11 Ramesh Pathirana was not allowed to enter the polling station by SPO
Habaraduwa	76 190	72	40	02	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>761 815</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>MATARA DISTRICT</b>					
Deniyaya	86 311	62	48	10	Varalla Maha Vidyalaya PS No 48 - 8.00am CMEV Monitor reports that he has not been allowed into the Polling Station, by the Police official in charge, even after examination of his documents of authorization. Ranasinghegama Viharasthanaya PS No 04 and Morawaka Keerthi Abeywikrama National School PS No 25- Between 10.45 a.m.11.25 a.m. supporters of UPFA candidate No 04 Vijaya Dahanayake were seen transporting voters to the polling station by the vehicle bearing No SPLG 7885 and another Van. Kosnilgoda Junior School PS No 27 - between 11.10 a.m. and 3.40p.m. CMEV field monitor and mobile team reported that supporters of UPFA candidate No 10 Sanath Jayasooriya transported voters by vehicle bearing No 54-1620. Debaraliya Junior School PS No 05 - At around 10.55 a.m. CMEV mobile team reported that a vehicle which was transporting voters disappeared when they reached to the polling station. Rajapaksha Mahavidyalaya PS No 06 - Posters of UPFA candidates No 04 Vijaya Dahanayaka, No 07 Lakshman Yapa Abeygunawardana were prominently displayed about 75 m away from the polling station. A campaign office of Vijaya Dahanayaka was set up around 500m in distance to the polling station.
Hakmana	87 510	62	40	-	
Akuressa	87 510	62	39	02	
Kamburupitiya	77 705	63	40	-	
Devinuwara	74 601	61	36	-	

Matara	80 334	61	55	01	
Weligama	86 711	65	41	04	<b>Denipitya Udukaawa Junior School PS No. 51</b> - around 9.40 a.m. As reported by the CMEV field Monitor, the UPFA Pradeshya Sabha Representative, Rev IndraJothi who was near the gate of the Polling Station was encouraging people to vote for UPFA , and left the premises upon seeing the CMEV monitors.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>580 682</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>HAMBANTHOTA DISTRICT</b>					
Mulkirigala	93 685	83	53	01	
Beliatta	74 473	73	63	09	<b>Valukarama Viharaya No 64</b> - UPFA supporters were seen milling around 40 meters from the polling station. Propaganda material of UPFA, UNF & DNA was pasted in all areas of the polling station. <b>Dedduwawela Junior School No54</b> - A group of UPFA supporters were distributing sample ballot papers to voters with the betel leaf symbol and preference numbers 7&8 marked on the ballot paper. <b>Dammulla Model Junior School No21</b> - Two vans and a three wheeled vehicle that had been covered in UPFA propaganda material was seen transporting voters to the polling station. UPFA propaganda was also strung up on lamp posts and pasted on the school walls of this polling station. Pocket calendars bearing the UPFA propaganda material was also strewn on the floor of the polling station. <b>Kambussawela Maha Vidyalaya No39</b> - The CMEV mobile monitoring team inquired the SPO about large posters and cutouts of the UPFA were displayed prominently in front of the polling station. The CMEV team came under threat from a group gathered to house next to the polling station soon after inquiring this issue with SPO. <b>Thannawatta Rajapaksha School PS No34</b> - at around 10.45 a.m. A white colour van with a sticker of NIL BLAKAYA was seen transporting voters to the polling station.
Thangalla	190 199	90	66	10	<b>Wetiya Dharmapala Maha Viduhala No 80</b> - Voters were being transported in a three wheeler which was covered in stickers and posters of UPFA Candidate No 08 Namal Rajapaksa. <b>Diyawara Gammmana Community Hall Halakada No38</b> - UPFA Supporters were seen transporting voters to the polling station in vans bearing stickers that spelt SRIYANI LEARNERS. This driving school belongs to a UPFA supporter <b>Udayala Maha Vidyalaya PS No 49</b> - around 01.25 pm CMEV was reported that around a hundred people were standing in the vicinity of this polling station wearing T shirts marked with preferential number of UPFA candidate No 01 Mahinda Amaraweera. Furthermore two vehicles bearing the number SP GF 8332 and 54-1811 contained large stickers were parked in the area.

					<p><b>Guruwela Junior School PS No 39</b> - around 1:00 p.m. CMEV Monitor reported that a vehicle without a number plate, bearing stickers of UPFA Candidate No 08 Namal Rajapaksa and another van bearing the number 41-0368 with Stickers of UPFA Candidate No 01 Mahinda Amaraweera were seen transporting voters to the Polling Station. Furthermore, a group of around 20 persons wearing blue T Shirts were seen loitering in the area</p> <p><b>Muravasihena Maha Vidyalaya PS No 90</b> - CMEV monitor reported that the pen used by the SPO bore the words “ Lets Make Chamal the winner “(Chamal Dinawamu) and his candidate number 07 .</p> <p><b>Aluthwewa Maha Vidyalaya Halls 01 and 02 PS No34-35</b> - around 3.25p.m. CMEV monitor reported that there were around 100 people wearing blue T Shirts bearing the Candidate No 01. A van bearing the number 53-3959 was seen transporting voters to the Polling Station . Vehicles bearing Nos 59-6675 and 251-3704 were parked in this location Small dummy ballot papers with (no. 1) marked in front of the Betel Leaf Symbol were distributed among the voters</p> <p><b>Kotawaya Community Hall PS No 46</b> - 1.35 pm: CMEV monitor reported that 100 meters from the Polling Station, a tree wheel bearing the registration Number QP 2025 decorated with the UPFA Candidate Namal Rajapaksa’s “Number 8”, was parked near the Polling Station and a group of around 25 -30 people were waiting nearby. The Police too were on the scene, but were not taking any action.</p> <p><b>Debokkawa Junior School PS No 53</b> - 2.20 p.m. CMEV Field Monitor reported that a “Dolphin” Cab bearing the registration number 58- 8023 was parked in the vicinity of this Polling Station and a group of around 15 supporters of Nil Balakaya (“Blue Brigade”) were seen loitering. A UPFA supporter complained this to CMEV monitor.</p> <p><b>Jadhura Junior School PS No 42</b> - at around 12.15 p.m. CMEV field monitor observed a vehicle bearing No SP JV 1405 transporting voters to the polling station.</p>
Thissamaharamaya	143 622	127	70	13	<p><b>Thelula Junior School PS No 22</b> - Three vehicles bearing UPFA stickers were being used by UPFA supporters to transport voters to the polling station.</p> <p><b>Bodiraja Viharastha Dharma Shalawa PS No 52</b> - around 9.52 a.m. A vehicle bearing No 52-3145 pasted stikers of UPFA candidate Namal Rajapaksha, was seen transporting voters.</p> <p><b>Hambantota Town</b> - around 9.00 a.m. a double cab was seen campaigning for UPFA candidate Chmal Rajapaksha using loud speakers.</p> <p><b>Hambantota Junior School PS No.16</b> - CMEV field monitor reported that two vehicles bearing posters of UPFA candidates No 07 and 08 Namal Rajapaksha and Chamal Rajapaksha were parked in front of the gate of the polling station for a long hours.</p> <p><b>Heenporuwa Junior School PS .65</b> - around 11.25 a.m. CMEV field Monitor reported that UPFA supporters transported voters by a Dolphin van bearing No 56-6110.</p> <p><b>Magama Maha vidyalaya PS. 88</b> - around 11.40 a.m. Supporters of UPFA candidate No Chamal Rajapaksha were seen transporting voters using a van bearing No 251-7879.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>501 979</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>33</b>	

ELECTORAL DIVISION	TOTAL No. OF REGISTERED VOTERS	No. OF POLLING CENTRES	No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED	No. OF POLLING CENTRES MONITORED WITH INCIDENTS	INCIDENT
<b>BADULLA DISTRICT</b>					
Mahiyanganaya	85 562	75	63	13	<p><b>Andhaulpatha National School PS No 59</b> - Two vehicles were being used to transport voters to the polling station. Two vehicles of the UPFA were parked near the polling station and the vehicles were covered in stickers and other propaganda material.</p> <p><b>Hebarawa Maha Vidyalaya Polling Station No.10</b> - about 9.45 a.m. CMEV monitors reported that Pradeshiya Sabha member Chamra Pradeepge Udawatta and 6 others, who came in a van (GI-0366), were seen pasting posters of UPFA candidate No 05 Amith Thenuka Vidanagamage within 50m of the polling station.</p> <p><b>Nagadeepayaya Primary School PS No. 57</b> - around 3.40 p.m. CMEV observed a 10-15 group of people wearing blue caps and t-shirts and came by two vehicles bearing nos WP - 2008 and WP-2009 gathered around polling station.</p> <p><b>Agalaoyagama Maha Vidyalaya PS No 08</b> - Around 08.00 a.m. supporters of UPFA candidate No 05 Amith Thenuka were seen pasting poster near the polling station by using vehicle bearing No 32-2913. around 09.00a.m. a single cab bearing No 256-6346 with posters of UPFA candidate No 05 Amith Thenuka was suspiciously parked near the polling station and people who came by the vehicle were seen having a meeting at a the house adjoining to the polling station.</p>
Viyaluwa	48 231	48	45	01	<p><b>Kandaketiya D.S.Maha Vidyalaya PS No 35</b> - around 10.00 a.m. UNF candidate No 06 Jayantha Kannangara complained CMEV that supporters of UPFA candidate No 07 J.M.Gunathilaka intimidating people near the polling station.</p>
Passara	60 002	55	39	07	<p><b>Kahataruppa Maha Vidyalaya PS No1</b> - Many people were seen congregating in the polling station premises. Posters bearing UPFA candidate No 8 Nimal Siripala de Silva &amp; No1 Suresh Vadivel were displayed in the polling station premises.</p>
Badulla	51 468	41	33	05	<p><b>Weeryapura Community Hall PS No41-</b> around 08.45 a.m. UPFA supporters were observed congregating near the polling station but they refused to obey the police orders to disperse.</p> <p><b>Nelum Gama Vidyalaya PS No 11</b> - around 11.30 a.m. CMEV Mobile Monitor reported that a group of supporters of UPFA candidate Nimal Siripala De Silva (no. 8) were wearing t-shirts containing the preference number and the of the candidate near the polling station</p> <p><b>Vineethagama Community Hall PS No 06</b> - around 9.50 a.m. supporters of UPFA candidate No 02 Dilan Perera were seen transporting voters by using a white colour van bearing No 16 - 1289.</p>
Hali -Ela	63 124	57	44	03	<p><b>Kingross Tamil School.PS No 9</b> - Two vehicles displaying posters of UPFA candidate no 02 Dilan Perera were suspiciously parked in front of the polling station.</p> <p><b>Haliela Madya Maha Vidyalaya PS No.30</b> - around 10.50 a.m. a supporter of UNP candidate R.M.Ratnayake (candidate no 06) alleged that a group of supporters of UPFA candidate Dilan Perera (No 02) compelled the voters to cast vote in favor of Dilan Perera.</p>

Uva - Paranagama	59 472	52	33	-	
Welimada	68 937	61	37	-	
Bandarawela	77 312	62	53	06	<p><b>Dulgolla Ashoka Vidyalaya PS No. 17</b> - Around 7:05a.m. CMEV monitors report that a yellow colour Tipper bearing vehicle number 226-4221 was distributing hand bills containing preferential number and party symbol of UPFA candidate Nimal Siripala de Silva (No. 08). A poster containing preferential number of the candidate was also displayed on the windscreen of the vehicle.</p> <p><b>Kebillewela South Mahanama Maha Vidyalaya PS No 04</b> - around 1.00 p.m. a group of supporters of UPFA candidate No 04 Rohana Pushpakumara came by vehicle bearing No 32-0767 was seen distributing leaflets and intimidating voters near the polling station.</p> <p><b>Dharmapala Maha Vidyalaya PS No 34</b> - CMEV monitor reported that a vehicle bearing No KE 6880 was suspiciously moving around the polling station. Posters of UPFA candidate No 07 J.M.Gunathilaka were displayed on the vehicle.</p>
Haputale	60 706	56	37	07	<p><b>Haputale Tamil Maha Vidyalaya PS No1</b> - A large number of people were seen congregating in the polling station premises. Some persons were seen to be holding lists of voters. Their party affiliation were nor identified.</p> <p><b>Kahathewala Rahula Maha Vidyalaya PS No.19</b> - Around 11.50 a.m. A supporter of UPFA candidate No 01 Suresh Vadivel was seen intimidating voters near the polling station.</p> <p><b>Punagala Tamil Vidyalaya PS No 46</b> - CMEV was reported that UPFA member of the Pradeshiya Sabha Ashoka Kumara and a group of his supporters allegedly attacked to UPFA candidate No 01 Vadivel Suresh and a group of his supporters at the polling station. Ashoka Kumara and his supporters were in the polling station premises when supporters and Vadivel Suresh arrived to the polling station. Vadivel Suresh's Private Secretary and one other person were injured in this incident. An iron rod had been reportedly used in the attack.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>574 814</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>42</b>	
<b>MONARAGALA DISTRICT</b>					
Bibila	74 692	78	61	10	<p><b>Pubbara Junior School PS No 48</b> - Vehicles decorated with posters of the UPFA were seen transporting voters and some UPFA supporters were seen displaying propaganda material near the polling station.</p> <p><b>Thambana Junior School PS No 51</b> - A bus decorated with banners posters and other propaganda material of UPFA candidate No 04 Vijayamuni Soysa bearing registration number HJ-3469 was parked prominently in front of the polling station.</p> <p><b>Bolgalla Bodhigara Viharaya PS 61</b> - Two vehicles were being used to transport UPFA supporters who came to vote. UPFA propaganda material was being displayed by persons inside the premises.</p> <p><b>Mari Arawa Maha Vidyalaya PS No 67</b> - Around 09.00 a.m. CTB bus bearing no 63-4622 and decorated with posters of UPFA candidates No 01 Jagath Pushpakumara, No 02 Vijitha Boralugoda and No 08 Sumedha G Jayasena was seen transporting voters.</p> <p><b>Dharmapradeepa Maha Vidyalaya PS No 10</b> - Around 10.00 a.m. DNA candidate No 04 Sarath Vidanagamage complained CMEV that supporters of UPFA are transporting voters to polling station.</p>

Monaragala	96 386	102	57	01	<b>Moneragala Mahanama Junior School. PS No.52-</b> Around 07.48 a.m. Sunil Wijerama who was appointed by the Ruhunu Janatha Paksaya as a polling agent was denied access to the polling station by the officials after 1000 hrs. because it was discovered that he was in fact a candidate for the Ruhunu Janatha Party. He was asked to leave the polling station on objections received by the SPO.
Wellawaya	129 564	127	62	06	<b>Waguruwela Junior School PS No14</b> - around 2.50 p.m. CMEV monitor reported that the double cab bearing No LB-2026 transported voters to the polling station. A poster of UPFA candidate No 01 Jagath Pushpakumara was pasted on the vehicle. <b>Unawatuna Junior School PS No 05</b> - around 12.30 p.m. A cab bearing No JP 4992 was seen transporting voters to polling station. <b>Hambegamuwa Janapada Kanitu Viduhala PS No 90</b> - vehicles bearing Nos DN 3620, HH 1333, 252-1579 were seen milling around the polling station. posters of UPFA candidate no 08 Sumeda G Jayasena were pasted on vehicles.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300 642</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>BATTICALOA DISTRICT</b>					
Kalkudah	97 135	91	65	01	<b>Siththandi Siththi Vinayagar College PS Nos 18 &amp; 19</b> - around 8.20 a.m. CMEV monitor reported that voters were allowed to vote without checking identification documents.
Batticaloa	155 537	137	15	03	<b>Kathankudy Bathuriyar Vidyalayam PS No 108</b> - CMEV Field Monitor reported that he was not allowed to enter the polling station. A police constable at the door bearing no PC-18880 obstructed him from entering for observation purposes and was aided to do this by other policemen in a vehicle bearing registration no 58-3222. <b>Kathankudy Bathuriya Vidyalaya PS No. 108</b> - around 3:30pm CMEV mobile team observed that the SPO was allowing voters to enter and vote on documents such as photocopies of ID cards and other unacceptable documents. <b>Meththapallee Vidyalaya PS No 111</b> - around 11.00a.m. - 11.30 a.m. a large group of people was observed gathered at a mosque about 50m away from the polling station and came to vote in groups. If police dispersed them, they have again gathered to the same location.
Paddirippu	80 972	86	47	01	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>333 644</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>05</b>	
<b>DIGAMADULLA DISTRICT</b>					
Ampara	145 479	153	76	02	<b>Ampara Gamini Maha Vidyalaya PS No 127</b> - Around 10.45 a.m. a vehicle bearing No 59 - 6860 was seen transporting voters to polling station.
Sammanthurai	71 442	77	46	-	

Kalmunai	66 135	60	40	01	
Pottuvil	137 779	140	105	04	<p><b>Al-Hudha Muslim Vidyalaya PS No 36</b> - Around 8.25 a.m. CMEV Field Monitor reported that a group of UPFA supporters arrived in 2 vans bearing registration numbers 50-2231 and EP-GL-5381 and threatened voters to vote for UPFA candidate No 02 A.L.M Athaullaha.</p> <p><b>Pottuvil Central College PS No 29</b> - around 3.30 p.m. CMEV Field Monitor reported that voters were allowed to casting their votes without any ID verification.</p> <p><b>Cultural Centre, Akkareipattu PS No 84</b> - at around 12.00 noon M.S. Rivash, one of UNP Polling agent, complained CMEV that a group of supporters of UPFA candidate No 02 A.L.M. Athaulla threatened him to leave the polling station when he was engaged in his duties. following that, he has lodged a complain at Akkareipattu Police under the complain number CIB 326/1020.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>420 835</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>07</b>	
<b>TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT</b>					
Seruvila	78 046	87	58	01	
Tricomalee	86 685	97	55	03	<p><b>Pre - School Building, Kuburupiti PS No 78</b> - at around 1.35 p.m. CMEV received a complaint that police who came by the police mobile bearing No 57-9120 allegedly prevented Tamil voters by threatening to kill if they cross Irakkandi bridge for going to the polling station.</p> <p><b>Vignashwaran Maha Vidyalaya PS Nos 80, 81</b> - At around 12.05 a.m. Akila Illankei Tamil Congress candidate No 01. Ravi Kumar complained CMEV that supporters of UPFA candidate No 07 Susantha Punchi Nilame threatened Tamil voters using fire arms not to go for voting. This group was moving over the electorate by two vehicles of which one bore registration no 62-6091.</p>
Mutur	85 855	94	60	01	<p><b>Al-Hambra Maha Vidyalaya, PS No 30</b> - Around 09.30 a.m. UPFA supporters of candidate No 06 Thawfik candidate, have been observed openly canvassing for him. In some cases, the voters have been offered food and beverages from a boutique located 50 meters away from the polling station.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>241 133</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>05</b>	

## **CENTRE FOR MONITORING ELECTION VIOLENCE**

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### **Parliamentary Election - 2010**

#### **Statement on the Day After Elections**

**09<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

On Election Day CMEV recorded 84 Major Incidents, including 53 incidents of Intimidation within the vicinity of polling centers. This figure includes 07 incidents of involving election officials, 07 incidents of Threat and Intimidation and 06 Assaults. CMEV has recorded 189 incidents of election law violations as well. When compared to the last Presidential election, there were a higher number of incidents of election related violence on the day of the poll.

We wish to record our deep concern about incidents in which polling agents were evicted from polling stations, sometimes forcefully. Furthermore, there were cases of voter obstruction and alleged attempts to rig the results reported from Nawalapitiya and Trincomalee. We have received numerous reports regarding voter impersonation in Puttalam, Kathankudy, Akkraipattu and Pottuvil. According to CMEV field reports, the failure of polling agents to report objections relating to malpractice and irregularities, the absence of opposition polling agents and the deliberate failure of many SPOs to implement the law with regards to verifying the

identity of voters, greatly facilitated voter impersonation.

CMEV also wishes to express its concern about the confusion and disarray relating to the application of indelible ink on the ring finger of voters. There has been a clear disregard of the Election Commissioner's directive relating to this practice. During the first few hours of polling, ink was applied to both the ring and the little fingers of many voters. CMEV received such reports from all over the country, particularly Vavuniya, Deraniyagala, Colombo, Wattala, Puttalam, Kalawewa and Minneriya. When CMEV questioned this malpractice, many SPOs stated that they were unaware of the Commissioner's directive on this matter.

CMEV notes that the Election Commissioner has suspended the counting of ballots from 34 polling stations in Nawalapitiya, and one polling station in the Trincomalee District. CMEV requested the Election Commissioner to annul polling in the Nawalapitiya electorate due to complaints received from the field about violence and irregularities. However, as of yet the Election Commissioner has not issued a gazette notification on his decision to annul the ballots in these polling stations and hold a second poll in them.

CMEV has received a number of complaints regarding the transparency of procedures followed by election officials at polling centers. According to the complaints received, officers who issued ballot papers to voters had marked the voters' registration number on the counter foil of the ballot paper. Complainants' claimed that this practice directly affected the secrecy of their vote. When CMEV contacted the Election Commissioner's department regarding this issue, CMEV was informed that this is a normal procedure followed in polling centers and that at the closure of the polling centre all counter foils should be sealed, to be reopened

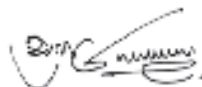
only upon the receipt of a direct court order. The department further added that this procedure serves to safeguard the secrecy of voter identity.

CMEV learnt that people were suspicious and even fearful of this procedure, believing that their ballot papers could be traced. We urge the Election Commissioner to keep people well informed about election procedures, allay their doubts and fears, thereby ensuring increased and unfettered participation of voters in any election.

On the basis of the reports received from its monitors throughout the campaign and on Polling Day, CMEV concludes that as in the Presidential Election, the integrity of the electoral process has been undermined by violence and malpractice and strongly urges all actors to treat this seriously and take effective action to protect and strengthen the integrity of the process. We also conclude that despite this, the overall result does reflect the will of the electorate. CMEV also wishes to underscore the point that election monitors are not allowed to observe the counting of votes.



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### Total Number of Incidents by Type (524)

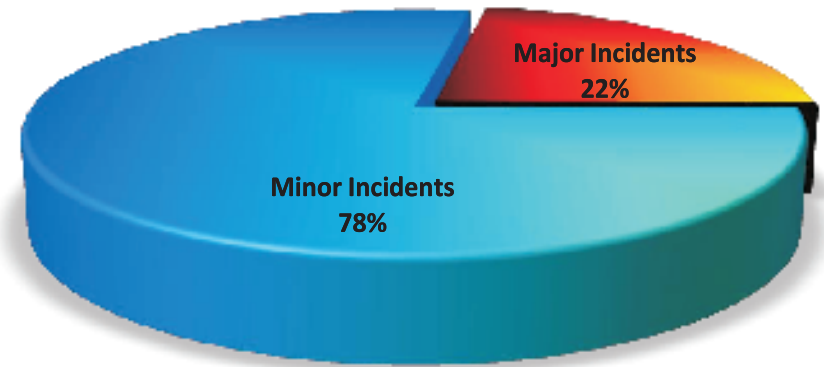


Figure 01

### Total Number of Incidents-Alleged Perpetrators by Party (524)

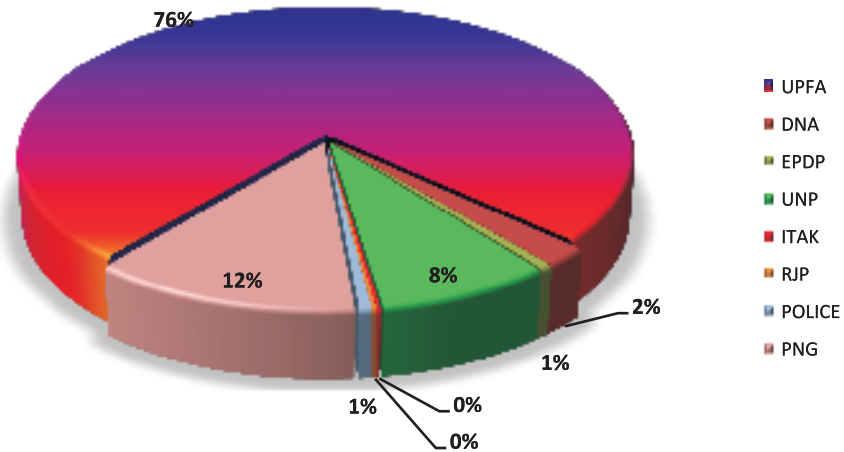


Figure 02

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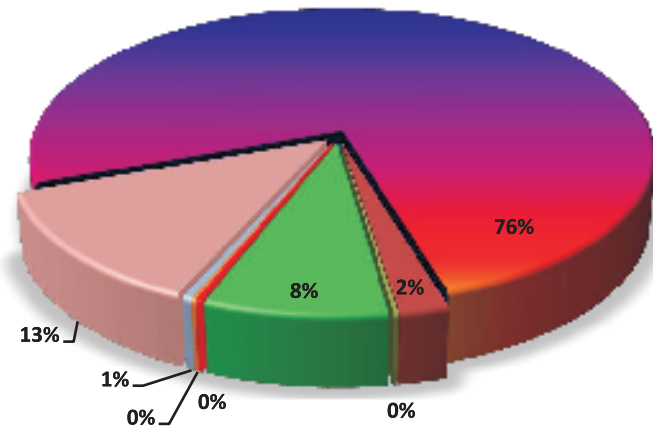


Figure 03

### Total Incidents by Districts (524)

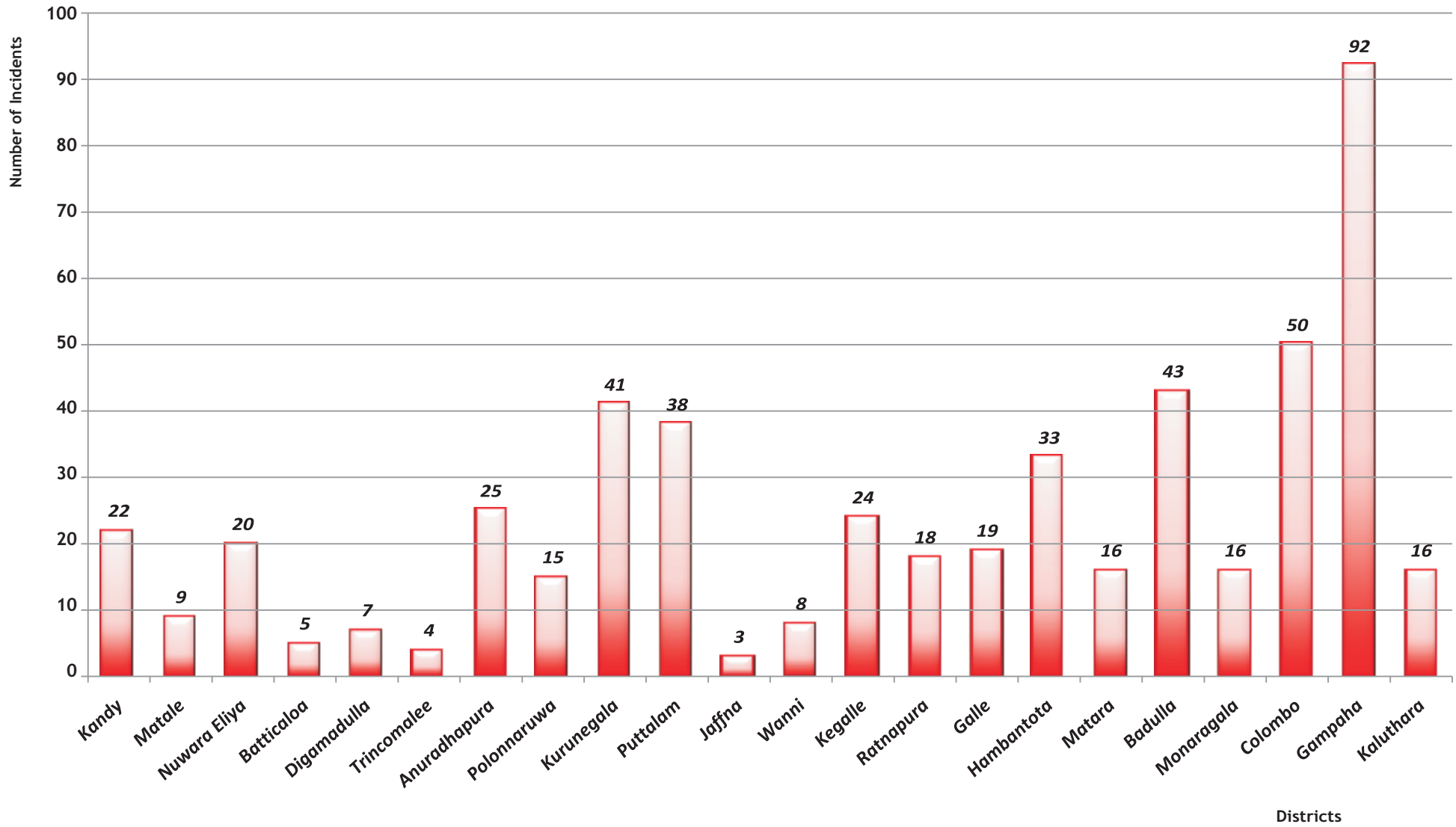


Figure 04

### Major Incidents by Type (117)

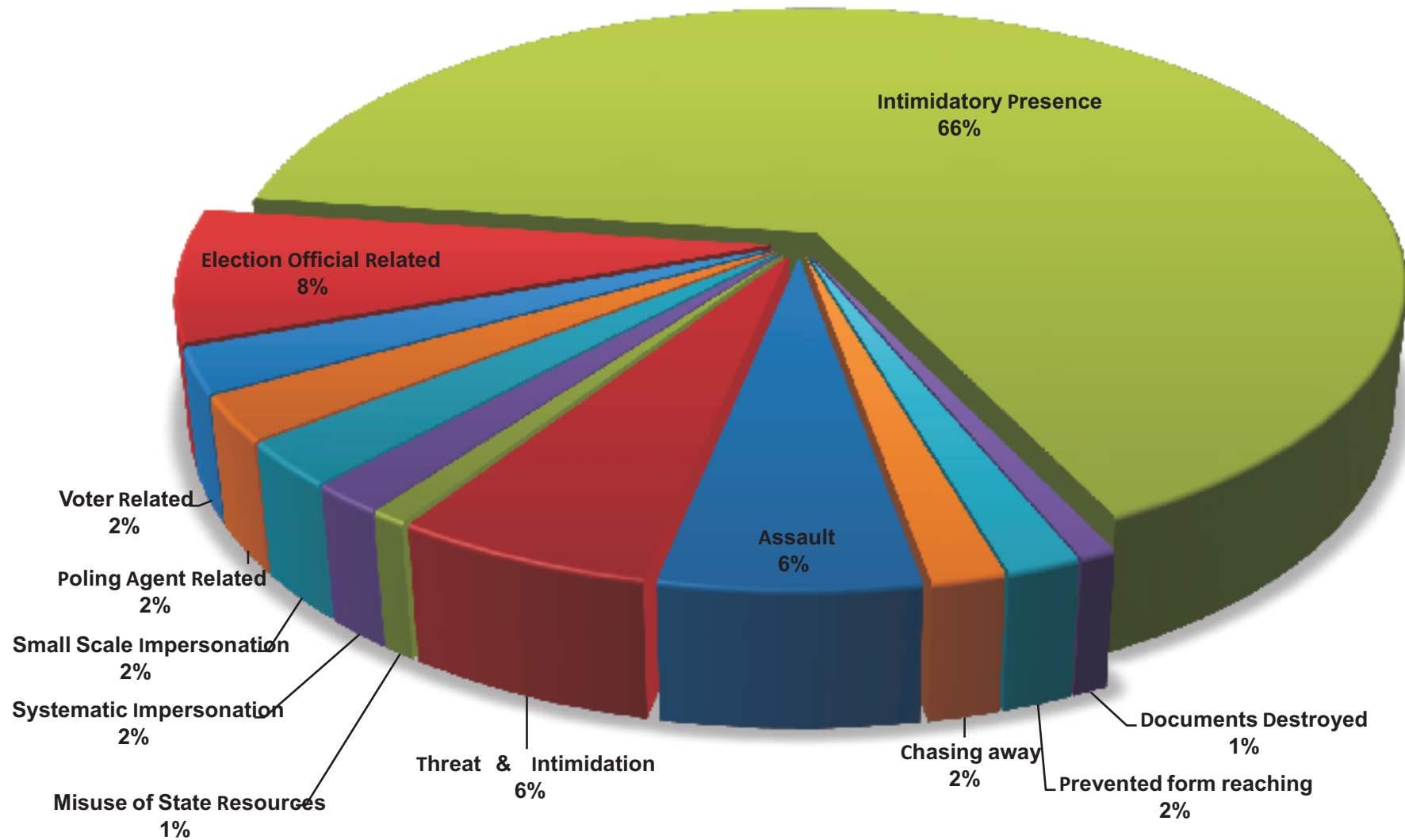
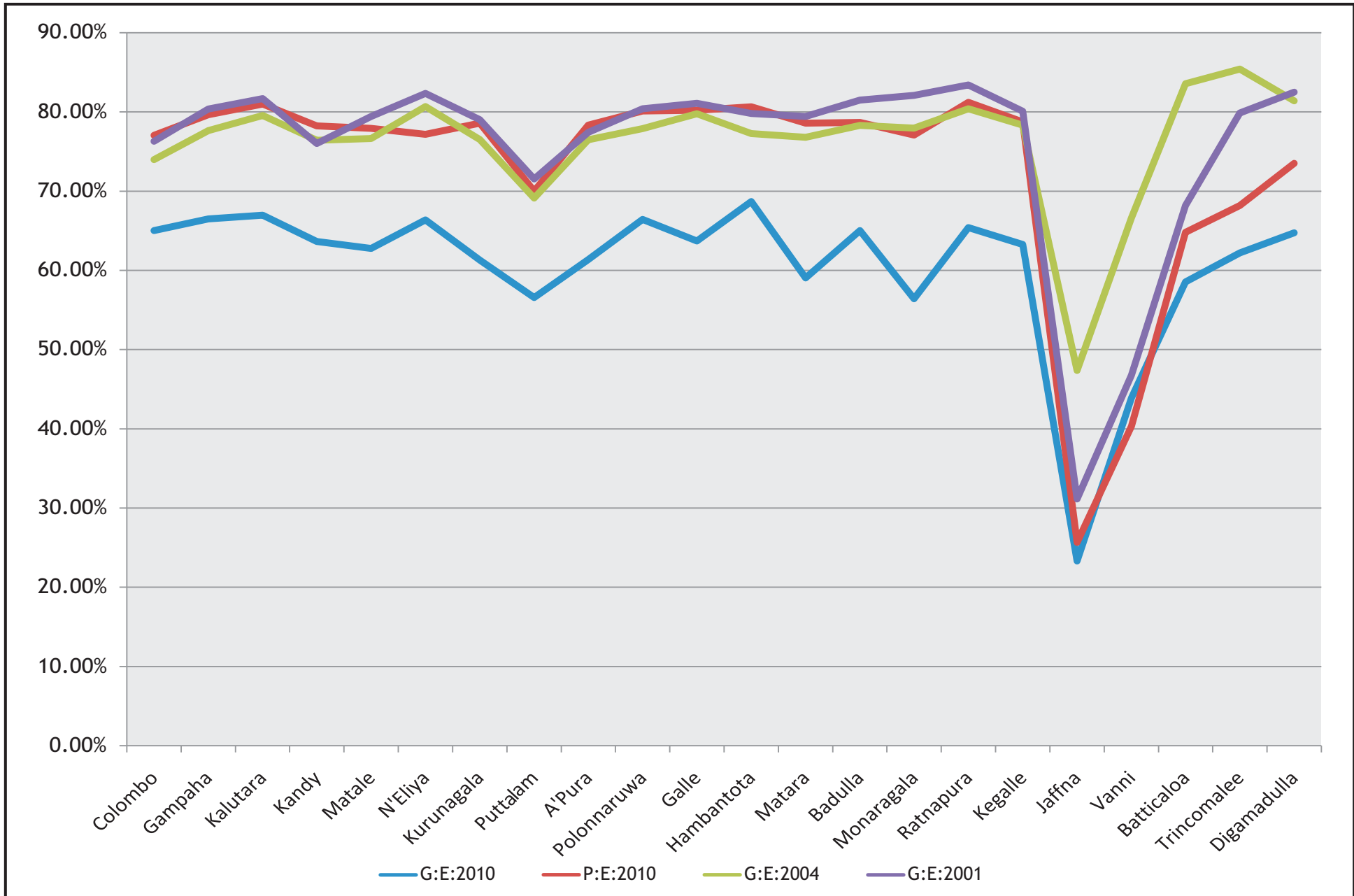


Figure 05

## A Comparison of Voter Turnout of Recent Four Elections

District	Parliamentary General Election 2010		Presidential Election 2010		Parliamentary General Election 2004		Parliamentary General Election 2001	
	Total No of Votes	Total Polled(%)	Total No of Votes	Total Polled(%)	Total No of Votes	Total Polled(%)	Total No of Votes	Total Polled(%)
Colombo	1,521,854	989,729 (65.03%)	1,521,854	1,172,776 (77.06%)	1,467,751	1,096,571 (74.01%)	1,440,682	1,099,382 (76.31%)
Gampaha	1,474,464	980,467 (66.50%)	1,474,464	1,174,608 (79.66%)	1,327,145	1,030,864 (77.68%)	1,285,993	1,033,402 (80.36%)
Kalutara	813,233	544,606 (66.97%)	813,233	658,790 (81.01%)	746,138	593,760 (79.58%)	717,764	586,236 (81.68%)
Kandy	970,456	617,559 (63.64%)	970,456	759,486 (78.26%)	880,634	673,350 (76.46%)	838,687	637,679 (76.03%)
Matale	342,684	215,060 (62.76%)	342,684	267,085 (77.94%)	312,556	239,611 (76.66%)	534,694	424,787 (79.44%)
N'Eliya	457,137	303,470 (66.38%)	457,137	352,844 (77.19%)	436,236	352,022 (80.70%)	417,163	343,472 (82.34%)
Kurunagala	1,183,649	725,566 (61.30%)	1,183,649	930,537 (78.62%)	1,089,482	834,043 (76.55%)	1,045,652	826,129 (79.01%)
Puttalam	495,575	280,354 (56.57%)	495,575	346,999 (70.02%)	450,057	311,194 (69.15%)	426,193	304,847 (71.53%)
Anuradhapura	579,261	355,468 (61.37%)	579,261	453,823 (78.35%)	514,149	393,406 (76.52%)	489,746	379,140 (77.42%)
Polonnaruwa	280,337	186,269 (66.44%)	280,337	224,647 (80.13%)	254,062	197,934 (77.91%)	240,444	193,351 (80.41%)
Galle	761,815	485,401 (63.72%)	761,815	611,386 (80.25%)	716,709	571,891 (79.79%)	698,566	566,475 (81.09%)
Hambantota	421,186	289,294 (68.69%)	421,186	339,782 (80.67%)	384,361	297,034 (77.28%)	369,073	294,540 (79.81%)
Matara	578,858	341,871 (59.06%)	578,858	454,954 (78.60%)	550,506	423,002 (76.84%)	534,694	424,787 (79.44%)
Badulla	574,814	373,847 (65.04%)	574,814	452,377 (78.70%)	511,115	400,337 (78.33%)	491,288	400,463 (81.51%)
Monaragala	300,642	169,640 (56.43%)	300,642	231,856 (77.12%)	262,742	204,929 (78.00%)	247,280	202,971 (82.08%)
Ratnapura	734,651	480,395 (65.39%)	734,651	596,856 (81.24%)	647,035	520,349 (80.42%)	623,506	520,061 (83.41%)
Kegalle	613,938	388,420 (63.27%)	613,938	483,568 (78.76%)	570,299	446,816 (78.35%)	554,697	444,309 (80.10%)
Jaffna	721,359	168,277 (23.33%)	721,359	185,132 (25.66%)	644,279	305,259 (47.38%)	633,457	197,279 (31.14%)
Vanni	266,975	117,185 (43.89%)	266,975	107,680 (40.33%)	226,604	151,003 (66.64%)	21,886	10,236 (46.77%)
Batticaloa	333,644	195,367 (58.56%)	333,644	216,287 (64.83%)	303,928	254,023 (83.58%)	282,079	192,383 (68.20%)
Trincomalee	241,133	149,982 (62.20%)	241,133	164,504 (68.22%)	224,307	191,657 (85.44%)	212,280	169,567 (79.88%)
Digamadulla	420,835	272,462 (64.74%)	420,835	309,474 (73.54%)	379,044	308,625 (81.42%)	360,497	297,440 (82.51%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,088,500</b>	<b>8,630,689 (61.26%)</b>	<b>14,088,500</b>	<b>10,495,451 (74.49%)</b>	<b>12,899,139</b>	<b>9,797,680 (75.96%)</b>	<b>12,466,321</b>	<b>9,548,936 (76.59%)</b>

### Profile of Vote Turnout of Recent four Elections



# Post Election Monitoring

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Parliamentary General Election 2010

## Photographs of Nawalapitiya Re-Poll



Kadiyanlena Junior School - There was a long queue before polling start.



West Hall Tamil School - Some of stations were empty of voters



Posters which displayed re-poll campaign period to express their support for Mahindananda Aluthgamage.



## CENTRE FOR MONITORING ELECTION VIOLENCE

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### Post-Election Violence

CMEV was concerned about post-election violence. CMEV highlights the importance of the immediate post-election period, and calls upon party leaders to demonstrate their commitment and respect for the rule of law by deterring post-election lawlessness among their party supporters, and political vengeance against opponents.

CMEV continued to receive reports relating to incidents of post-election violence. A CMEV stationary monitor was assaulted by an unknown group and his observation forms snatched in Nawalapitiya, yesterday (April 8<sup>th</sup>), at around 1930 hours.

Today (April 9<sup>th</sup>) CMEV received reports detailing a clash between supporters of UPFA candidate C.B.Ratnayake (candidate no. 02) and Saliya Bandara Dissanayake, Chairman of the Central Provincial Council, in Ragala, Brookside, at around 1715 hours.


CMEV learnt that Saliya campaigned in support of UPFA candidate Naveen Dissanayake (candidate no. 04), and that H.M.Dharmapala, a supporter of Ratnayake, received a gunshot wound to the hip. This injury was allegedly inflicted by Saliya. Dharmapala has since been admitted to the District Hospital. Ralgala Police Station confirmed this incident.

10th April, CMEV also received reports regarding another shooting in Millawana, Matale at around 1700 hours, allegedly committed by Naradha Millawana, a UPFA member of Pallepola Pradeshiya Sabha. L.D.Nandasiri, a former member of Galewala Pradeshiya Sabha, was grievously wounded in his righteye and was admitted to the Matale General Hospital. He has subsequently been transported to the Kandy General Hospital.

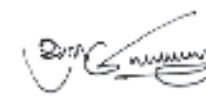
CMEV also received reports regarding a clash between supporters of UPFA candidates Pavithra Wanniarachchi (candidate no. 02) and John Senaviratne (candidate no. 09) near the residence of Pavithra, located in Rilhena, Pelmadulla at around 1800 hours today. When contacted, Kahawatha Police informed CMEV that a tense situation had arisen when the two groups confronted each other, but that both groups had dispersed before the situation worsened. CMEV learnt that the alleged perpetrator was a supporter of UPFA candidate Lakshman Wasantha Perera (candidate no. 01).

CMEV is concerned about the increased intra party violence during the campaign and in the post-election period, and reiterates its call to political parties, in particular the ruling party alliance, to refrain from violence.

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**Geographic Spread of Post-Election Offences by Type**

Date: [09/04/2010 - 15/04/2010]

AREA / OFFENCE	Major Incidents											Major (Total)	Minor Incidents					Total No of Incidents	Remarks											
	Murder	Attempted Murder	Grievous Hurt	Hurt	Assault	Threat & Intimidation	Misuse of State Resources	Robbery	Arson	Abduction	Damage to Property		Mischief	Threat	Election Offence	Others	Minor (Total)		Firearms Involved	Polling Cards Related Incidents	Postal Vote Related									
Western																														
Kalutara					2							2				0	2	1												
Colombo				1								1				0	1													
<i>Sub Total (Western)</i>	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0										
Central																														
Matale		1										1				0	1	1												
Nuwara Eliya		1										1				0	1	1												
<i>Sub Total (Central)</i>	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0										
North Western																														
Kurunegala					2							2				0	2	1												
Puttalam	1		1									2				0	2													
<i>Sub Total (Nor-West)</i>	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0										
North Central																														
Anuradapura					1							1				0	1													
Polonnaruwa					1							1				0	1													
<i>Sub Total (Nor-Cen.)</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0										
Southern																														
Galle												0	5			5	5													
<i>Sub Total (Southern)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	0										
Northern																														
Wanni					1							1				0	1													
<i>Sub Total (Nothorn)</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0										
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	1	2	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	5	0	0	5	17	4	0	0										



### Total Number of Incidents by Type (17)

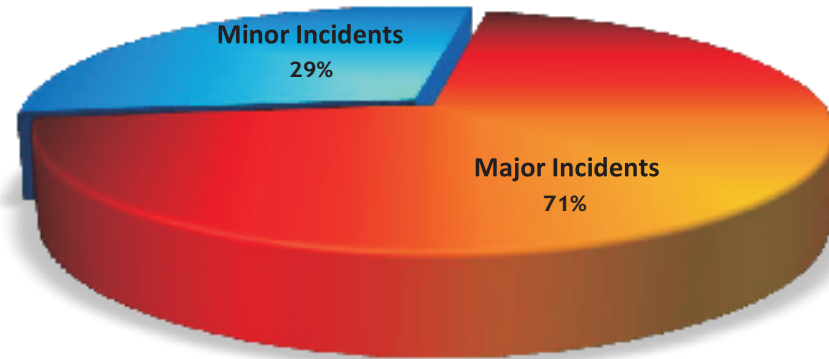


Figure 01

### Major Incidents by Type (12)

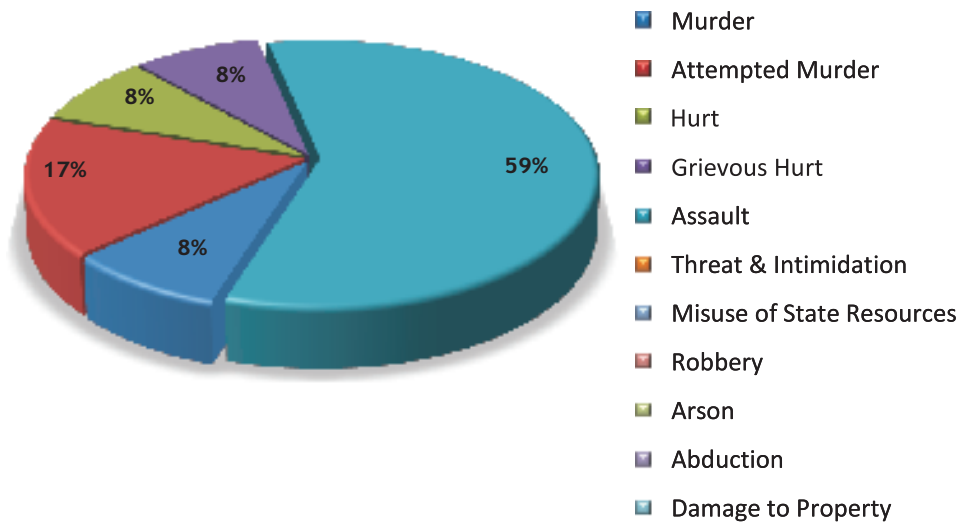


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### Minor Incidents by Type (05)

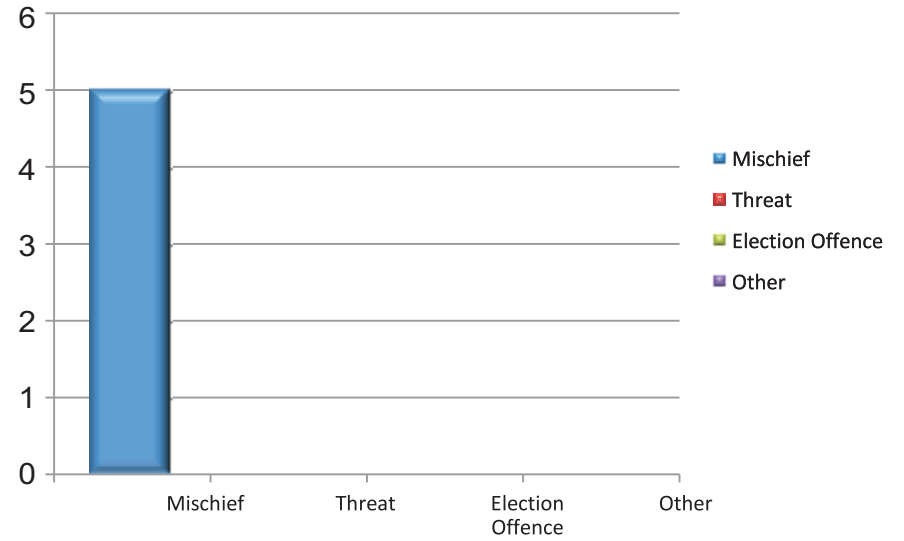
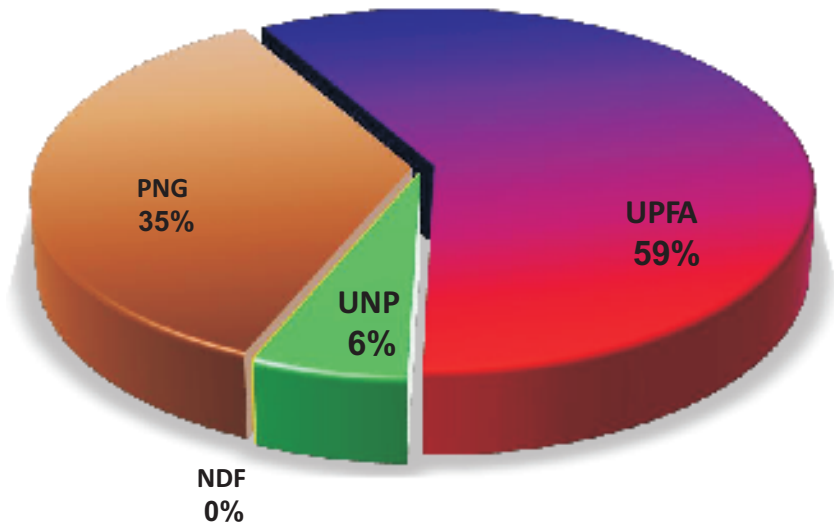


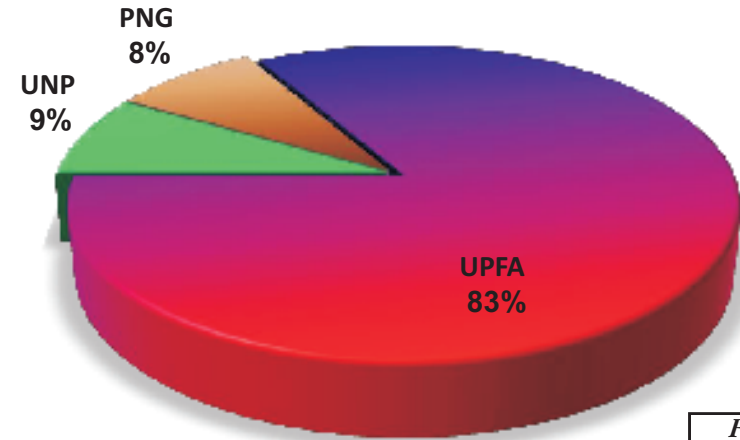
Figure 03

**Total Number of Incidents - Alleged Perpetrators by Party (17)**



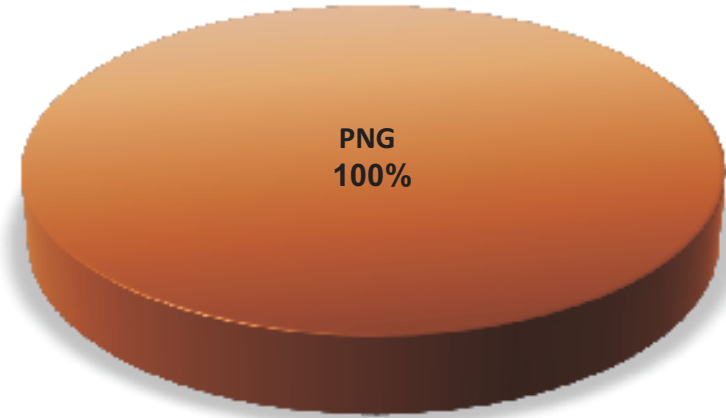
*Figure 04*

**Major Incidents- Alleged Perpetrators by Party (12)**



*Figure 05*

**Minor Incidents - Alleged Perpetrators by Party (5)**



*Figure 06*

### Total Incidents by Districts (17)

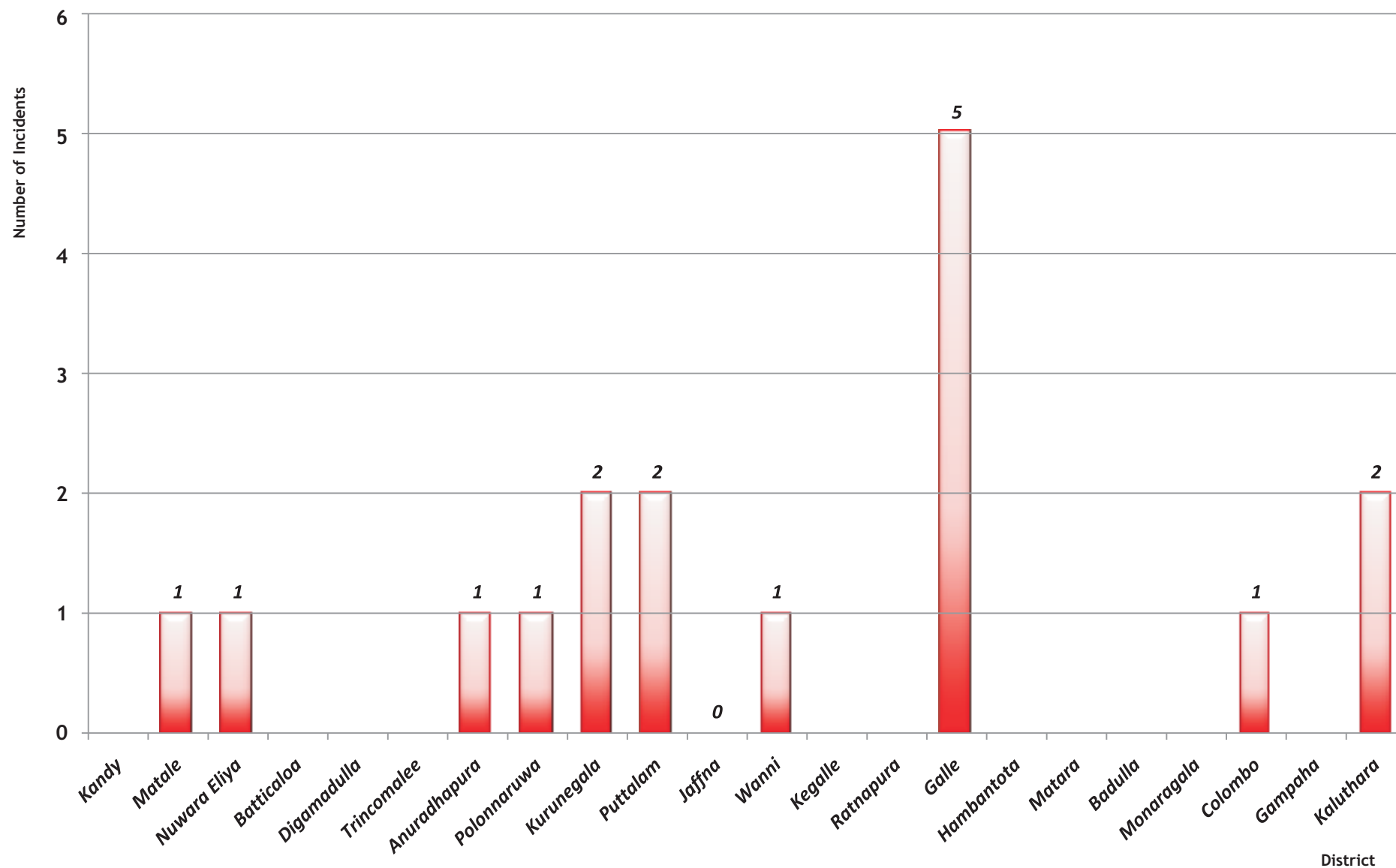


Figure 07

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### **Report on Re-Poll in Nawalapitiya & Trincomalee**

Re-polling in 34 polling centers in Nawalapitiya Polling Division, Kandy District and in Kumburupitiya Polling Station (Number 78), Trincomalee Polling Division, Trincomalee District was carried out between 7 am and 4pm today. CMEV monitored the re-polling with 4 mobile teams and 34 stationary monitors in Nawalapitiya and 1 mobile team and 1 stationary monitor in Kumburupitiya.

In both districts CMEV reported nine (09) incidents during the polling period including incidents of attempted impersonation, illegal casting of ballots, verbal abuse of SPOs, transporting of voters and impersonation of monitors.

CMEV notes that there were few incidents of election related violence during this re-poll. This is a significant change from April 8<sup>th</sup> when a high number of incidents were reported which resulted in the Commissioner of Elections calling for a re-poll. The violence free environment can be attributed to a high presence of police and military around polling stations. CMEV estimates a provisional voter turnout of 65% in Nawalapitiya and 46% in Kumburupitiya, Trincomalee. This demonstrates a lack of interest among voters in the present election.

CMEV reiterates the importance of free and fair elections which reinforce public confidence and ensures the integrity of the poll.

CMEV has continuously called for and reiterates its call again for the immediate implementation of the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the establishment of the Election Commission.

At the close of polls the following incidents were reported to CMEV: Transport of Voters in Trincomalee: CMEV mobile monitors reported that at around 9.20am, supporters of UPFA candidate Susantha Punchinilame (No 07) were transporting voters from the Salappai area and Gandhinagar in two vehicles bearing registration numbers 31Sri 1756 (a jeep) and WP 5029 (a bus), located near the Kumburupitiya Polling Station (No 78) around 9.10am in the Trincomalee Electorate.

Transport of Voters in Nawalapitiya: As reported by CMEV around 11.00am, a white van bearing the Registration No. 42-0239 had engaged in transporting voters to Galaha junior school Polling Station No. 30 in Nawalapitiya Electorate. This has happened several times but the police have only warned the perpetrators.

Illegal Casting of Ballot in Nawalapitiya: CMEV monitors reported at around 8.35am, the SPO in the Polling Station No 39 Kadiyallena Junior School in the Nawalapitiya Electorate, was helping disabled voters to cast their vote. However, he marked the ballot paper himself and puts it into the ballot box without showing it to the voter. Nor was this voting being witnessed by another official as required by law. A similar practice was reported to have taken place in polling station No. 07, Alugolla junior school (No. 2) in Dolosbage, in Nawalapitiya Electorate. This was observed at around 11.45am by CMEV monitor.

Impersonating Monitor: As reported by CMEV around 12.05pm, a person in the vicinity of the Dolosbage Junior School Polling Station (No.01) in Dolosbage in the Nawalapitiya Electorate, was wearing the hand band of CMEV and thereby posing as a CMEV Election

Observer. The police removed the person from the vicinity of the polling station and returned the hand band to the CMEV Election Observer.

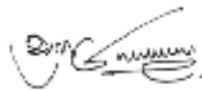
Verbal Abuse of a SPO: CMEV Election Observer reported that Luxman Kirielle, UNP Candidate (No.08) and Ravi Karunanayake (UNP MP elected from Colombo district) had come to the Polling Station No. 05, (Senadhikari National School) at Udahenthane around 11.40am. When the SPO informed them that Ravi Karunanayake was not entitled to enter the Polling Station, Luxmam Kirielle had verbally abused the SPO and left the polling station.

Illegal Casting of Ballot in Nawalapitiya: CMEV Election Observer reported that a person with a bogus ballot paper attempted to vote around 1.15pm at Warakawa junior school Polling Station No. 36, in Nawalapitiya Electorate in the Kandy District. This is the second such incident reported from this Polling Station today. The earlier incident took place at around 10.10am.

Attempted Impersonation: CMEV Election Observer reported an attempt at voter impersonation at M.S. Aluthgamage Maha Vidyalaya Polling Station No. 17, in Nawalapitiya Electorate where a voter had come to cast his vote with his National ID card and his father's Polling Card. When the Electoral Register was examined it was revealed that the name of the person with the NIC was not in the Register. He was handed over to the police by the SPO for attempting voter impersonation.



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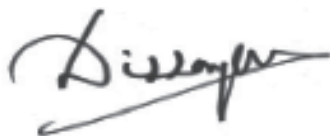


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