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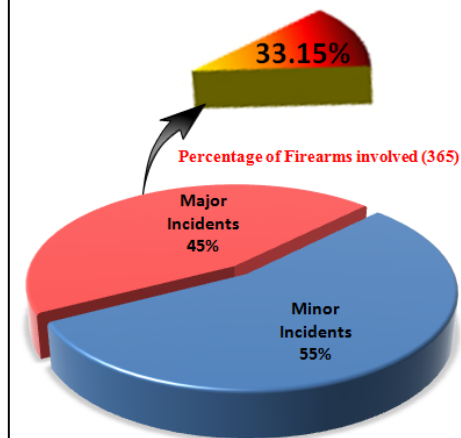
Interim Report -I

25th January 2010 Colombo Sri Lanka CMEV is deeply concerned that the integrity of the electoral process has been seriously challenged in the course of this Presidential Election campaign. In particular, CMEV wishes to record its grave concerns over the blatant disregard demonstrated for the Rule of Law, the authority of the Election Commissioner, allegations of irregularities in the conduct of postal voting, the intervention of serving military officers in the political campaign and the misuse of state resources and of state media organs. We also wish to reiterate our concern over the effective disenfranchisement of a large number of IDPs and over the problems previously highlighted in respect of voting identity documentation.

Elections are the basic mechanism for choice and change in a functioning democracy and accordingly provide an illustration of the health of the institutions and processes of governance in the country. In this respect, what has transpired in this campaign – the first in a post war Sri Lanka in almost two decades- profiles break down and dysfunction underpinned by a zero-sum political culture impervious with seeming impunity to the norms and procedures of democratic governance.

This election campaign has been characterized by persistent mudslinging, the abuse of state resources and the intensification of violence, resulting in 05 Murders and the use of firearms in 121 incidents – 14% of all incidents and 33.15% of all Major incidents - in this first election in the aftermath of the defeat of terrorism.

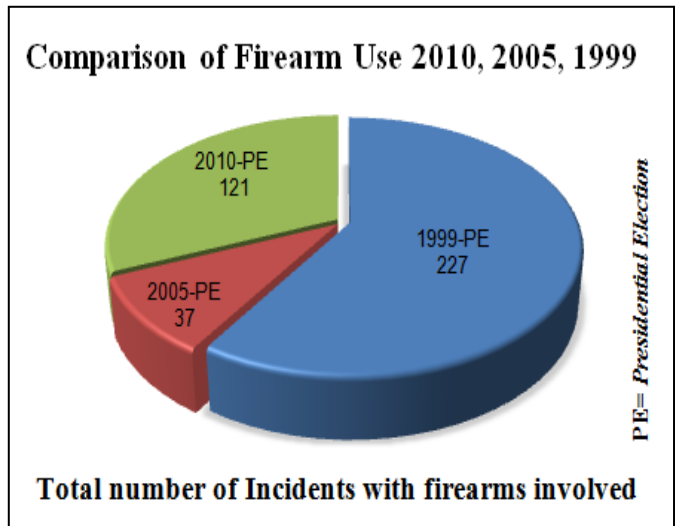
Total number of incidents by Major & Minor (809)



2010 Presidential Election (23/11/2009 – 25/01/2010)

The percentage figure for Major incidents in this election campaign is 45% (365 out of a cumulative total of 809 in the period 23 December 2009 - 25 January 2010). Of these 365 Major incidents, Assaults constitute 27% or 99 incidents; Threat and Intimidation, 29% or 108 incidents.

In comparison, the Presidential Elections in 1999 and 2005 respectively recorded a 48% and 37% figure for Major Incidents. The corresponding figure for the use of firearms in 1999 and 2005 respectively was 31% and 20%.



The geographical spread of the Major incidents breaks down as follows:

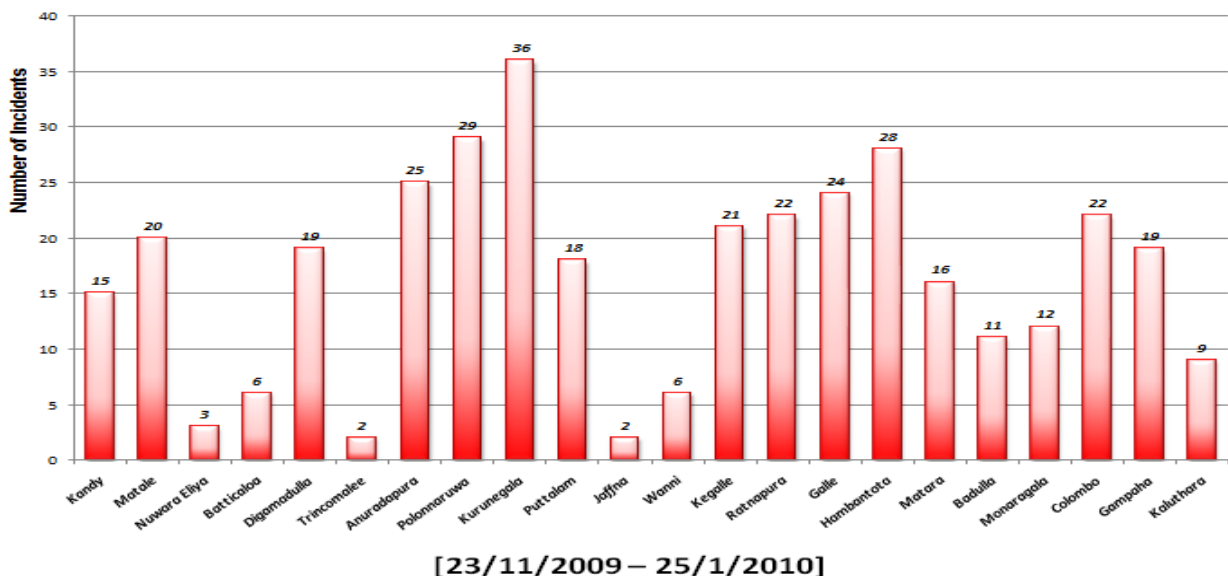
Hambantota District with 54% or 28 incidents out of an overall district total of 52 incidents.

Polonnaruwa District with 44% or 29 incidents out of an overall district total of 66 incidents.

Anuradhapura District with 43% or 25 incidents out of an overall district total of 58 incidents.

Kurunegala District with 42% or 36 incidents out of an overall district total of 86 incidents.

Major Incidents by District (365)



[23/11/2009 – 25/1/2010]

In this 2010 Presidential Election campaign, the Election Commissioner has repeatedly had to issue instructions to the Police to remove posters, cutouts and banners. He has appointed and then withdrawn a Competent Authority to oversee two state -controlled media organs. He has gone on record on more than one occasion with his frustration and despair over the flagrant disregard of his constitutional authority. Consequently, professional groups have sought the intervention of religious leaders to protect the integrity of the electoral process.

Continuing electoral violence and malpractice, as CMEV has constantly stressed, underscores the pivotal importance of the full implementation of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution providing for a Constitutional Council and the establishment of independent commissions for the Police, public service and elections amongst others. The organizations that together comprise CMEV have been in the forefront of the campaign for the full implementation of the Seventeenth Amendment. The Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA) has engaged in public interest litigation on this score as well. Whilst the Amendment is not a panacea, CMEV firmly believes that its full implementation, though not sufficient, is nevertheless vitally necessary for democratic governance in Sri Lanka.

CMEV fervently hopes that the flawed electoral process will yet produce a result that unequivocally reflects the wishes of the voters. We call upon our fellow citizens to resist all forms of violence and malpractice and vote as we traditionally have in large numbers, to restore the integrity of our institutions and processes of democratic governance. CMEV calls on all officials and the Police, charged with the responsibility of conducting the election, to discharge their responsibilities without fear or favour and thereby ensure that despite the flawed process so far, proceedings on Polling Day will constitute an affirmation of democratic governance in Sri Lanka.

On Election Day, CMEV will be deploying a total of 3,790 monitors made up of 290 Mobile Monitors including 20 International Observers and 3,500 Monitors who will be stationed in polling centres throughout the country.

All CMEV Media Communiques and the Report of the Field Visit to Jaffna, Killinochchi and Vavuniya can be accessed from www.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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Annex I

List of Politicians and supporters named as perpetrators

Electorate	Names of Perpetrators	Party	Incident	Police Complaint
Monaragala	Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha R.M. Rathnaweera	UPFA	Assaulting a JVP supporter	No Police complaint
	Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha R.M. Rathnaweera	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office and threatening those present	Monaragala EIB 99/21
	Member of the Pradeshiya Sabha Premasiri Kumara	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring 2 UNP supporters	Monaragala 122/14 EIB 12515
	Chairman of the Siyambalanduwa Pradeshiya Sabha W.M. Chandrapala	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter	Athimale CIB/184/22
	Supporters of Minister of Nation Building A.P. Jagath Pushpakumara	UPFA	Destroying a JVP party office	Monaragala EMOR 4/2010
	Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha R.M. Rathnaweera	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring 2 JVP supporters	Monaragala EIB 159/40
	Chairman of the Makulla Pradeshiya Sabha Saman Wickramarachchi	UPFA	Destroying a JVP party office	Dambagalla - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Chairman of Badal Kumbura Pradeshiya Sabha Samarasinghe Abeysekera Badal Kumbura Pradeshiya Sabha member Kapila Samarakkodi Badal Kumbura Pradeshiya Sabha member Nihal Susantha	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP Pradeshiya Sabha member	Badal Kumbura - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha R.M. Rathnaweera	UPFA	Setting fire to a three-wheeler belonging to a JVP supporter	Monaragala EIB 181/54

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Passara	Vice Chairman of the UPFA Pradeshiya Sabha T.M. Premadasa	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter	No Police complaint
Bandarawela	Provincial Councilor and Chief Organizer Dr. Pushpakumara	UPFA	Operating a party office from within the Zonal Education Office	No Police complaint
Karadeniya	Non Cabinet Minister of Nation Building Gunarathne Weerakoon and 2 others	UPFA	Going to the complainant's home and threatening him at gunpoint	No Police complaint
	Security Officers of Non Cabinet Minister of Nation Building Gunarathne Weerakoon, Manju and Kotta	UPFA	Going to the complainants party office and intimidating them by showing a gun	Karadeniya CIB 66/30
Habaraduwa	Vice Chairman of the Imaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha A.V. Sarath Kumara and others	UPFA	Attempting to assault the complainant and damaging his motorbike	Ahangama EIB75/57
	Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha Bandupala Vice Chairman Susil Kumara Jothipala and others	UPFA	Tearing posters and making death threats to the complainant	Ahangama EIB 18/208
	Vice Chairman of the Imaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha A.V. Sarath Kumara and others	UPFA	Destroying cut outs of a party office	Meetiayagoda EIB 49/32
Hiniduma	Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha member Bandula Hirimuthugoda and supporters	UPFA	Assaulting the complainant and others	Nagoda EIB 42/17
	Supporters of Minister of Vocational and Technical Training	UPFA	Causing damage to a home	Pitigala EIB 80/52

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Bibile	Pradeshiya Sabha member Gamini Rajapakse	UPFA	Assaulting a JVP Organizer	Medagama - complaint number not given to CMEV
Wellawaya	Pradeshiya Sabha member Chandrasekera	UPFA	Threatening a JVP former Pradeshiya Sabha member	Thanamalwila CIB 2/121/458
Mahiyanganaya	Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama and supporters	UPFA	An assault threat as a result of a banner being removed	Mahiyanganay a RIB 1/2
	Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama and supporters	UPFA	Firing shots at the wall of the home of JVP supporter B.A. Chaminda	Mahiyanganay a EIB 30/17
	Supporters of Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama, K.A. Jayantha and M.C. Bandara	UPFA	Assaulting a JVP supporter who works at the Mahiyangana Depot	Mahiyanganay a - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Supporters of Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter	The victim has been handed over to the Mahiyangana Police by the attackers for destroying a party office, and has been arrested. No complaint lodged therefore.
	Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama	UPFA	Destroying the cut outs of a JVP party office	No Police complaint
	Uva Provincial Council Minister of Agriculture Anura Vidanagama and supporters	UPFA	Destroying the cut outs of a JVP party office	No Police complaint

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Kamburupitiya	Leader of the SLFP Mahajana Wing and Member of Parliament Mr. Mangala Samaraweera and others	NDF	Assaulting those who were at a party office	Kamburupitiya EIB 148/17
Thangalle	JVP Member of Parliament Hambanthota Nihal Galappaththi and others	JVP	Attacking a Nil Balakaya office	Thangalla EIB 01/02
Beliatte	Kasun (son of former Beliatte Pradeshiya Sabha member Ranjith, a.k.a. Chandimalli)	UPFA	Assaulting the complainant and firing shots in the air	Beliatte - complaint number not given to CMEV as the number is not EIB
	Pradeshiya Sabha member D.V. Upul and 2 others	UPFA	Assaulting and threatening the complainant	Thangalle CIB 250/448
Baddegama	Chairman of the Wanduramba Pradeshiya Sabha Anura Narangoda	UPFA	Assaulting the complainant	Wanduramba CIB 324/134
Ambalangoda	Supporters of the Meetiyagoda Pradeshiya Sabha member Sarath Liyanaarachchi	UPFA	Assaulting the complainant	Meetiyagoda CIB 133/75
Deniyaya	Thotapola Pradeshiya Sabha member Amarasinghe and supporters	UPFA	Attacking a party office	Morawaka CIB 89/153

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Keggalle	Security Officials of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councilor Dr. Parakrama Athauda	UPFA	Assaulting a JVP supporter	No Police complaint
Mawanella	Supporter of Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Maheepala Herath, K.D. Jayathissa	UPFA	Assaulting an UNP supporter	Mawanella EIB 19/19
Rambukkana	Rambukkana Provincial Councilor Galle Hamuduruwo and 5 others	UPFA	Attacking the NDF main office	Rambukkana MOIB200/74
Daraniyagala	Chairman of the Daraniyagala Pradeshiya Sabha Anil Dhammika (a.k.a. Atha Kota)	UPFA	Assaulting and threatening UNP supporter	No Police complaint
Dadigama	Supporters of Warakapola Pradeshiya Sabha member D.M. Sumanasiri	UPFA	Attacking an NDF party office	Warakapola EIB/48/34
	Chairman of the Warakapola Pradeshiya Sabha Kithsiri Wijethunga and others	UPFA	Damaging a shop	Warakapola EIB 30/15
Ruwanwella	Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councilor Shrilal Wickramasinghe	UPFA	Attacking an NDF party office and setting fire to cut outs	Avissawella - complaint number not give to CMEV
Galigamuwa	Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councilor Imthiaz Carder and others	UPFA	Attacking JVP party office and setting fire to cut outs and decorations	Kegalla EIB/73/22

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Rakwana	Driver of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Minister of Animal Production and Irrigation Ranjith de Soyza, Wasantha (Alibaby) and others	UPFA	Assaulting an NDF supporter	Godakawela EIB 32/72
Kalawana	Supporters of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Minister of Road Development Janaka Wakkumbura, Pulasthi, Sandakan and Saman	UPFA	Assaulting UNP supporters and damaging vehicles	Kalawana CIB 164/363
Palmadulla	Palmadulla Pradeshiya Sabha member P.D. Ariyaratne and others	UPFA	Attacking the home of a UNP supporter	Rathnapura EIB 21/29
Kolonna	Minister of Irrigation Jayathissa Ranaweera and others	UPFA	Destroying UNP decorations	Embilipitiya EIB 1/1
Balangoda	Minister of Textile Development Mahinda Rathnathilaka, Balangoda Pradeshiya Sabha member Vijaya Kumara and others	UPFA	Assaulting the complainant and one other	Balangoda EIB 90/27
Mannar	Brother of Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services Abdul Risath Bathiyutheen, Rifkan and supporter Rahuman	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring SLMC supporters	Mannar - complaint number not given to CMEV

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Vavuniya	Supporters of Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services Abdul Risath Bathiyutheen	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring SLMC supporters	No Police complaint
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Chilaw	Chairman of the Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha K. Jagath Samantha Perera	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office and damaging cut outs and furniture	Chilaw 223/9
	Security Officer of Deputy Minister of Fisheries Neomal Perera, Nalaka Samanthissa	UPFA	Setting fire to a shop owned by a UNP supporter	Chilaw - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Security Officers of Deputy Minister of Fisheries Neomal Perera	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring a JVP supporter	Madampe - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Chairman Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha Jagath Samantha North Western Provincial Councilor Sanath Nishantha	UPFA	Assaulting and grievously injuring a JVP supporter	Chilaw EIB 51/39

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Wennappuwa	Secretary of North Western Provincial Council Minister of Road Development Arundhika Fernando, Amal Fernando and driver Chinthaka	UPFA	Assaulting and a UNP supporter at gunpoint	Dankotuwa EIB 1/2010
Polgahawela	Polgahawela Provincial Councilor Livera Jayasekera and others	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office	Polgahawela EIB 151 190
	Chairman of Polgahawela Pradeshiya Sabha Wagalath and others	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office, threatening and burning posters	Polgahawela EIB 89/29
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Ariyawardena Thilakaratne Pradeshiya Sabha member Ajith Pradeshiya Sabha member Duminda	JVP	Grievously injuring a UPFA Organizer	Polgahawela EIB 5/13
Dambadeniya	North Western Provincial Councilor Chairman of the Alawwa Pradeshiya Sabha	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring a UNP supporter	Giriulla MOR 485
Panduwassnuwara	Member of Parliament Dayasiri Jayasekera	UNP	Attacking a UPFA party office, damaging furniture and cut outs and threatening	Hettipola 114/9
	Member of Parliament Dayasiri Jayasekera and others	UNP	Assaulting a UPFA supporter	Hettipola MCR 2/9

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Hiriyala	Secretary and Security Officer of Non Cabinet Minister of Coconut Development Salinda Dissanayake, and 15 others	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office and destroying decorations	Gokarella EIB 30130
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Fahim and supporters	UPFA	Causing damage to the home of a JVP supporter	Gokarella RIB 146/87
Wariyapola	Supporters of Minister of Rural Industries & Self-Employment Promotion S.B. Navinna	UPFA	Assaulting and murdering a UNP supporter	Wariyapola - complaint number not given to CMEV
Mawathagama	Pradeshiya Sabha member Upul Perera and 15 others	UPFA	Destroying cut outs and threatening NDF supporters	Mawathagama EIB 2/2
Kuliyapitiya	Urban Councilor Sudharshan Saman Kumara Supporters of North Western Chief Minister Athula Wijesinghe	UPFA	Destroying cut outs and decorations of a UNP party office	Kuliyapitiya CIB 2 182/97
Naththandiya	Puttalam Member of Parliament Dayashritha Thissera	UPFA	Misuse of State Resources	No Police complaint
Katugampala	Provincial Councilor Kamal Herath, his younger brother, his son, and supporters	UPFA	Firing shots in the air, burning tyres and threatening and intimidating UNP supporters	Pannala EIB 50/415
	Provincial Councilor Kamal Herath, his younger brother and son	UPFA	Threatening UNP supporter	Pannala CIB 53/46
Puttalam	Pradeshiya Sabha member Anjana Sandaruwan	UNP	Shooting and murdering a UPFA supporter	Mundalama - complaint number not given to CMEV

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Puttalam	Wayamba Provincial Councilor Sanath Nishantha and supporters	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring UNP supporters	Mundalama CIB 1 148191
	Coordinating Secretary of Deputy Minister of Fisheries Neomal Perera, Jesmeen Member of Parliament Faiz	UPFA	Destroying cut outs and threatening UNP supporters	No Police complaint
	Chairman Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha Jagath Samantha and supporters	UPFA	Setting fire to JVP cut outs	Mundalama EIB ½
Kurunegala	Supporters of Minister of Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Jayarathna Herath	UPFA	A bomb attack on the house of UNP Legal Secretary Kurunegala District	Kurunegala EIB 220/180
Kolonnawa	Provincial Councilor Duminda Silva	UPFA	Attack on UNP party office	Kolonnawa EIB/23/26
Avissawella	Urban Councilor Ajith Wijeyamuni Soyza	UPFA	Assaulting UNP supporters	Avissawella - complaint number not given to CMEV
Maharagama	Chief Minister Western Province Upali Kodikara	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office and damaging a vehicle	Kottawa MOIB 227/106
Kesbewa	Minister of Sports and Public Recreation Gamini Lokuge	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP Organizer	Piliyandala EIB 53/21
	Urban Councilor Pradeep	JVP	Assaulting UPFA supporters	Boralessgamuwa MOIB 128/146
Miniwangoda	Personal Secretary Chief Minister Western Province Prasanna Ranathunga and others	UPFA	Attacking UNP partially denuding a female supporter	Minuwangoda - complaint not accepted by the Police

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Ja Ela	Supporters of Provincial Councilor Chandana	UPFA	Destroying UNP cut outs	No Police complaint
	Supporters of Pradeshiya Sabha member Nimal Aswennawatte	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office	No Police complaint
	Security Officer of Chairman of Pradeshiya Sabha Sherman, and Samurdhi Officer Nilantha	UPFA	Attacking a shop owned by a JVP supporter and damaging posters	Ja Ela CIB/350/206
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Nandasiri Silva	UPFA	Damaging NDF posters	No Police complaint
Kelaniya	Supporters of Minister of Labour Mervyn Silva	UPFA	Assault on NDF supporters	Kiribathgoda ERIB/19/09
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Sarathchandra Dias	UPFA	Destroying JVP decorations and posters	Kiribathgoda CIB/204/278
Gampaha	Pradeshiya Sabha member H.A.S Perera	UPFA	Threatening and intimidating the complainant	Ganemulla CIB II/28/34
Bandaragama	Supporters of Chairman Pradeshiya Sabha Nimal Chandrarathna	UPFA	Attack on JVP rally	Bandaragama CIB II/146/316
Bulathsinghala	Pradeshiya Sabha member Amila Kudeligama and supporters	UPFA	Attacking NDF party office	Bulathsinghala EIB/1
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Amila Kudeligama	UPFA	Threatening UNP supporter	Mathugama EIB/2
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Amila Kudeligama and supporters	UPFA	Attacking NDF party office	No Police complaint

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Mathugama	Pradeshiya Sabha member Thilakasiri Kumara	UPFA	Attacking and injuring JVP supporters	Welipenna MOIB/67/99
Kalawewa	Chairman of the Rajangana Pradeshiya Sabha Saman Nilmina and supporters	UPFA	Attack on the home of a JVP supporter	Thambuththegama MCR 1/10
	Secretary of Non Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources Duminda Dissanayake Ajith Kumara	UPFA	Attacking the home of UNP Provincial Councilor Mahindaranthne	Thambuththegama - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Deputy Chairman of Thalawa Pradeshiya Sabha Abeyrathne and Coordinating Secretary of Non Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources Duminda Dissanayake Ajith Kumara	UPFA	Assaulting UNP supporter	Thambuththegama - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Provincial Councilor Prasanna Mahindarithne and his son	UNP	Attacking a UPFA party office	Thambuththegama EIB 52/67
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Brabhath Vithana, and Shaman Pradeep	UPFA	Attacking a home and party office of UNP supporter, bearing firearms	Thambuththegama - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Secretary of Non Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources Duminda Dissanayake Ajith Kumara, and Shaman Pradeep	UPFA	Assaulting JVP supporters and attacking party office	Thambuththegama EIB 62/72

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Mihinthale	Secretary of Non Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources Duminda Dissanayake Ajith Kumara and others	UPFA	Attacking a UNP party office	Thambuththegama EIB 61/71
	Minister of Nation Building S.M. Chandrasena, Deputy Mayor Somadasa and others	UPFA	Assaulting an NDF supporter with a T-56	Mihinthale - complaint not given to CMEV
Horowpothana	Pradeshiya Sabha member Ranjith (younger brother of Minister of Nation Building S.M. Chandrasena) and others	UPFA	Assaulting UNP supporters	Galenbindunuweva EIB 89/5
	Chairman of the Galenbindunuweva Pradeshiya Sabha R.M. Rathnayake	UPFA	Threatening JVP Pradeshiya Sabha member and supporters	Galenbindunuweva CIB 53/11
	Hingurakgoda Pradeshiya Sabha member Weerappu and others	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter	Minneriya EIB/1/11
Polonnaruwa	Thamankaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha Opposition Leader Thisa Weerakkody, Bandula Keerthirathne	UNP	Attacking UPFA party office and vehicles	Polonnaruwa EIB 147/10
	Pradeshiya Sabha member Jayasinghe Bandara and others	UPFA	Destroying UNP decorations	No Police complaint
	Thamankaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha member Rathnasiri and K.P. Nimalsiri	UPFA	Destroying cut outs, electricity lines and metre of a UNP party office	Polonnaruwa - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Chairman of Dimbulagala Pradeshiya Sabha	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office	Aralaganwila EIB 196/36

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Polonnaruwa	Pradeshiya Sabha member Mahinda Rathnayaka and others	UPFA	Assaulting a UNP supporter and attacking a party office	Aralaganwila EIB 183/46
	Deputy Chairman Dimbulagala Pradeshiya Sabha Pushpakumara Ranasinghe and others	UPFA	Destroying UNP decorations and cut outs	Aralaganwila EIB 179/43
	Dudley Sirisena (younger brother of Minister of Agricultural Development & Agrarian Services Development Maithripala Sirisena)	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office	Polonnaruwa EIB 61/12
	Chairman of Dehiaththakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha J.M.K. Wijerathne and A.M. Ravindra Sisira Kumara	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office with T-56 firearms	Aralaganwila EIB 152/9
	Chairman of Dimbulagala Pradeshiya Sabha Jagath Samarawickrama	UPFA	Attacking JVP party office with T-56 firearms	Aralaganwila EIB 154/10
	Dudley Sirisena (younger brother of Minister of Agricultural Development & Agrarian Services Development Maithripala Sirisena) and others	UPFA	Attacking NDF party office and setting fire to cut outs	Polonnaruwa EIB 61/12
	Chairman of Dimbulagala Pradeshiya Sabha Jagath Samarawickrama	UPFA	Assaulting JVP supporter with T-56 and iron rods	Aralaganwila EIB 152/9

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Mathale	Minister of Urban Development Rohana Kumara Dissasnayake	UPFA	Assaulting the complainants	Initial entry made at Dambulla, subsequently transferred to Matale. Matale Police claimed transfer has not been received.
Dambulla	Provincial Councilor Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon Vice Chairman of Dambulla Pradeshiya Sabha Jaliya Opatha	UPFA	Assaulting UNP supporters	Galewela - complaint number not given to CMEV
	Vice Chairman of Dambulla Pradeshiya Sabha Jaliya Opatha	UPFA	Entering the home of JVP supporter and causing damage	Dambulla CIB 1/34/305
Udu Nuwara	Pradeshiya Sabha member Jani Bandara	UPFA	Attacking JVP party office and making death threat	Daulugala - complaint not given to CMEV
Kundasale	Pradeshiya Sabha member A.K. Janaka Thushara	UPFA	Attacking JVP party office	Manikhinna EIB 99/85
Nawalapitiya	Pradeshiya Sabha member Chandana Srilal	UPFA	Assaulting and injuring JVP supporters	Gampola - CIB 143/56
Walapane	Provincial Councilor S.B. Rathnayake	UPFA	Threatened UNP supporter at gunpoint and fired in the air	Walapane EIB 34/36
Ampara	Chairman Padiyathalawa Pradeshiya Sabha H.M.L. Sumith Senevirathne	UPFA	Assaulting JVP supporter	Padiyathalawa CIB II 96/125
	Vice Chairman Padiyathalawa Pradeshiya Sabha Iresh Madushan	UPFA	Assaulting NDF supporter and party office	Padiyathalawa EIB 4/2009

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Ampara	Padiyathalawa Pradeshiya Sabha member B.M. Ariyaratna Basnayake	UPFA	Attacking a JVP party office	Padiyathalawa EIB/3/2009
	Chairman of the Uhana Pradeshiya Sabha Ranjith Ekanayake	UPFA	Attacking several busses carrying NDF supporters	No Police complaint
	Vice Chairman of Urban Council Saman Morayas	UPFA	Attacking an NDF party office	Ampara - complaint number not given to CMEV (obtained from party office EIB 54/39)
Pottuvil	Chairman Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha A.L. Thavam Akber	NC	Assaulting and seriously injuring 3 SLMC supporters	No Police complaint

Annex II

List of Police Stations with issues

CMEV has learned that according to administrative instructions issued by the IGP, Police Officials are expected to conduct speedy investigations regarding Election related complaints, and report facts to the relevant Magistrate Courts as early as possible. In addition, they are also expected to update the Divisional Operational Room on complaints received on a 6 hourly basis. Only complaints recorded in the Elections Information Book (EIB) are handled in this manner.

As such, if complaints are recorded in other books (MOIB, CIB etc), it gives rise to suspicions of Police bias and allegations of partiality towards, in most instances, the ruling party. Once such a perception takes hold opposition party supporters and members of the public do not report incidents of election violence to the Police in the belief that complaints will not be acted upon. Consequently, the trust and confidence in this pivotal institution for the maintenance of respect for the rule of law and law and order, is eroded. CMEV calls upon the Police to address this issue, which has a serious bearing on public trust and confidence in the Police Force during elections.

CMEV also notes that in this election campaign the Police has not extended the same cooperation to CMEV monitors in respect of the provision of information, as in previous elections. We trust that this is a situation that will be rectified on Polling Day as well as during post-election monitoring and look forward to a more cooperative relationship with the Police.

** The cumulative total of election related complaints that have been recorded as CIB is 38, which comprises 44.19% of the total 86 complaints reported to the below listed Police Stations. 4 complaints have also been refused by the Police. Details are as below:*

Police Division	Police Station	Officer In Charge	Comments
Elpitiya	Elpitiya	Gunadasa	Of 2 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB Of 2 complaints where suspects are named, suspects have not been arrested regarding 2 complaints
	Pitigala	IP Deepal	Of 1 election related complaint, 1 has been recorded as CIB Of 1 complaint where suspects are named, suspects have not been arrested regarding 1 complaint

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Matara	Deniyaya	H.M. Bandula Priyantha	Of 4 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB The UNP party office alleges that the Police is biased
	Morawaka	Prabhath Deshabandu	Of 5 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB Of 2 election related complaints, the Police refused to record 2 complaints Complainant UNP supporter H.M. Majula claims he tried to lodge a complaint against an assault by UPFA supporter Walankade Sumith Nande and was asked by the OIC to come after the 26 th .
	Pitabaddara	Arjuna Wijeyawardena	Of 1 election related complaint, the Police refused to record 1 complaint
	Hakmana	Kamal	The UNP alleges that the Police is biased
	Gandara	Jagath Wijegunaratne	Of 1 election related complaint, 1 has been recorded as CIB
	Thihagoda	Sidath Marasinghe	Of 1 election related complaint, the Police refused to record 1 complaint
Tangalle	Hungama	S.T.M. Thushara	JVP and UNP party offices allege that the Police is biased Of 1 complaint where suspects are named, suspects have not been arrested regarding 1 complaint
	Weeraketiya	Priyal Sooriyarachchi	Of 4 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB
	Hambantota	Ratnaweera Adassooriya	Of 2 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB
	Beliatta	Krishantha Jayawardena	Of 11 election related complaints, 3 have been recorded as CIB
Kuliyapitiya	Hettipola	IP Bandara	Of 3 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB
Puttalam	Kalpitiya	Lakshman Ranwela	Of 3 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB
Wennappuwa	Koswatte	S.B.R. Priyantha	Of 1 election related complaint, 1 has been recorded as CIB

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Kandy	Gampola	CI Jaliya Heenkenda	Of 4 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB Of 1 complaint where suspects are named, suspects have not been arrested regarding 1 complaint. However the victim has been arrested in this case. Political parties allege that the Police is biased
	Nawalapitiya	Gamage	Of 6 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB
Matale	Rattota	SI U.K. Nihal Jayaweera	OIC Jayaweera was removed as a result of an inquiry into allegations of Election Offences during the Postal Vote period as confirmed by ASP Lal Senevirathne. However, he has returned to his post as OIC as of the 23 rd of January, also as confirmed by ASP Senevirathne. When asked why the OIC was reinstated, ASP Senevirathne refused to provide CMEV with any information. CMEV has at present received allegations from UNP Provincial Councilor Sanjeewa Kavirathne that the OIC is currently making preparations to engage in election malpractices on the 26 th of January Banners and cut outs of the incumbent President are displayed inside the Police premises The UNP alleges that the Police is biased
Kalawewa	Thambuththegama	IP Thalwatte	Of 9 election related complaints, 3 have been recorded as CIB Political parties allege that the Police is biased Police Officers of the same station allege that the OIC is biased towards

			the UPFA
Horowpothana	Horowpothana	IP Mahanama	Of 8 election related complaints, 3 have been recorded as CIB
Minneriya	Minneriya	Sagara Sarathchandra	Of 4 election related complaints, 3 has been recorded as CIB
Kekirawa	Galkiriyagama	Dayawanse	Of 6 election related complaints, 2 have been recorded as CIB
Anuradhapura	Galnewa	A.A.K.S. Adhikari	2 Complainants (UNP) state that they did not lodge complaints as the Police are biased and take no action

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Rathnapura	Godakawela	Lasantha Dadellage	Of 5 election related complaints, 4 have been recorded as CIB
	Ratnapura	Pussella	Of 3 complaints where suspects are named, suspects have not been arrested regarding 1 complaint
Avissawella	Yatiantota	Nilantha de Silva	Of 4 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB
Badulla	Lunugala	Haniyangama	Of 1 election related complaint, 1 has been recorded as CIB
Bandarawela	Uva Paranagama	Dhammika Wijesinghe	Of 2 election related complaints, 1 has been recorded as CIB
Pottuvil	Akkaraipattu	M.G.R. Mohommed	The UNP alleges that the Police is biased and that it is pointless lodging complaints as they often claim the incidents are personal Does not remove cut outs and banners in the area as confirmed by the CMEV monitor
Ampara	Dehiattakandiya	W.M.S.B. Wickramasinghe	Does not remove cut outs and banners in the area as confirmed by the CMEV monitor
	Uhana	IP D. Prasanna Kumara	The OIC has on several occasions told CMEV monitors that complaints are made by political parties merely to increase their complaint numbers, which brings into doubt the conviction with which investigations into complaints are handled by the Uhana Police. However, the UNP says that their complaints have never been rejected. 3 NDF busses attacked in close proximity to the Uhana Police, but no action was taken to resolve the situation, nor were any arrests made

