

CENTRE FOR MONITORING ELECTION VIOLENCE

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Post Election Communiqué

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CMEV continued to monitor the post election situation and note several incidents reported in the period 9-12 January. At present CMEV has recorded 11 major incidents and 6 incidents in the post poll period. There is one casualty from post poll violence and several instances of assault, threat and intimidation. CMEV notes that most of the victims in the incidents reported are from the UPFA.

CMEV notes that President Maithripala Sirisena urged non -violence in the post poll period but unfortunately the incidents report targeting of political opponents. Political parties and their leaders must ensure that their members and supporters desist from violence and urge the authorities to conduct independent investigations and hold to account perpetrators of violence.

Following are some of the incidents reported to CMEV:

10th January, three injured one dead in Puttalam

CMEV was informed of a murder in Kumbutukuliya, Chilaw. Six UNP supporters including Warnakulasuriya Manjula Prasanna had driven from Bangadeniya to Kumbutukuliya at about 1.50pm and visited J.R Sarath, a supporter of UPFA, and his son. A clash ensued between the two parties in which Manjula Prasanna received injuries to his head. He subsequently succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead on the same day at the Chilaw base Hospital.

CMEV spoke to Chilaw Police, OIC Kasthuriarachchi who said that the suspects were arrested and investigations are underway. The three people who received injuries during this clash are undergoing medical treatment at the Chilaw Hospital.

10th January threat in NikaweratiyaKurunegala

An unidentified gunmen had arrived at H.M. Priyanthi Hirukumari's (supporter of National Democratic Front) residence at about 8.30pm on 9th January in Nikaweratiya and threatened her to not get involved in politics. She had been with her husband when the assailant had arrived and had called 119. No complaint has been filed with the Police.

11th January, Tar attack in Anuradhapura

United People Freedom Alliance (UPFA) supporter B.G Premachandra's house located at No 534 Hurulunikawea, Galenbidunuwewa was attacked by two unidentified motorcyclists using tar around 10.30 pm yesterday. Mr.Premarathne informed CMEV that he has not filed a complaint with the Police.

11th January, Tar attack in Anuradhapura

United People Freedom Alliance (UPFA) supporter Noel Indika Premawansa's house was attacked by unidentified gang of people using tar around 1.30 am yesterday.

According to Galenbidunuwewa police station, no complaint has been made with them.

11th January, Tar attack in Anuradhapura

United People Freedom Alliance (UPFA) supporter B.K.D Madushan's house located in No, 530, Hurulunikawewa, Galenbidunuwewa was attacked by an unidentified group of people using tar yesterday.

According to the inquiry done from Galenbidunuwewa Police station they have not received any complaint regarding this incident.

11th January Tar attack in Anuradhapura

CMEV received a report from Anuradhapura about a tar attack on K.G Mallika who is a supporter of UPFA, by unknown persons. A white van - 64-6463 - parked in the garden had been damaged in this attack along with the front and side walls of the house. A police complaint has not been filed.

11th January, Threatened and attempted to hit a UPFA supporter in Anuradhapura.

CMEV received a complaint that a supporter of the United National Party (UNP), Anura Bandara had threatened and attempted to hit UPFA supporter B.K Danuka Madushan in front of the UNP Party office in Galenbidunuwewa.

The Galenbidunuwewa Police station informed CMEV that no police complaint was made regarding this incident.

11th January, Maithriplasirisena's supporter was attacked in Batticaloa

CMEV was informed that a supporter of President Maithripala Sirisena was attacked yesterday. According to the victim Mr Jeyarathnam a group (7) of Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal supporters had cut his hand using a sharp knife and had threatened him and demanded to know who the supporters of Mr Sirisena are.

Victim has filed a complaint (141/30) in Valiaichenai Police station, According to Valachenai Police officer Mr M.B. Thibbettumuwe, this celebration of the newly appointed President ended in violence.

11th January, Assault in Anuradhapura.

CMEV was informed that supporters of United National Freedom Alliance (UPFA) P Dayapala and Wijerathne were assault in front of 'PilimePansala' in Hurulunikawewa yesterday around 10.00am. According to them United National Party (UNP) supporter Anura Bandara had slapped them and shouted abuse. Furthermore he had threatened Mr Dayapala saying "Thorahanawawedithogeluwatakaluthelwakkarannathibune" Police complaint has not been filed.

9th January attack in Kandy

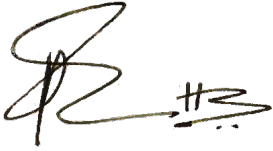
An incident in Yatinuwara where six people including Bobby Dassanayake had broken and entered in to the residence of K.V.S. Abeywickrama UPFA opposition leader was reported to CMEV. The assailants had entered the house from the balcony, wounding the elder son Nipuna. A struggle ensued between the two parties with injuries to both of them. An eyewitness, Tampitiya Wanaratna Thero from the Pilimatalawe Paranagala Temple in close proximity to the house, confirms the situation. A police complaint had been lodged under CIB 5/2015.

8th January UPFA PS chairman's house stoned in Trincomalee

CMEV received a report from Trincomalee stating that Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Kapila Nuwan Athukorale's residence has been stoned by unknown persons.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'P' followed by a horizontal line and a small, illegible mark.

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Co-convenor