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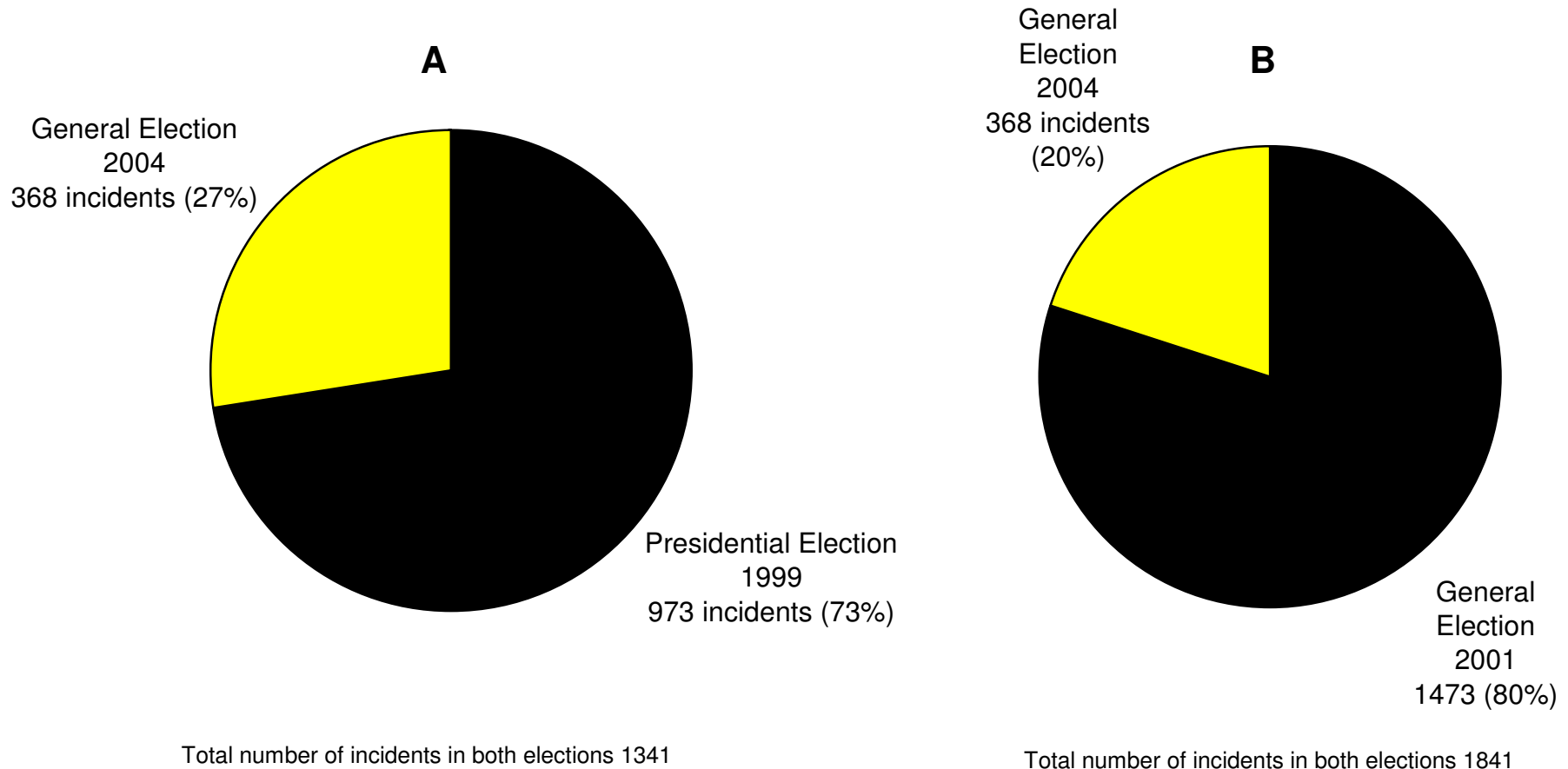
ELECTION-RELATED VIOLENCE:

GENERAL ELECTION 2004

2ND APRIL 2004

CENTRE FOR MONITORING ELECTION VIOLENCE (CMEV)

COMPARISON OF ELECTION DAY INCIDENTS: ELECTION DAY 2004 WITH
A) POLLING DAY - PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 1999
B) POLLING DAY - GENERAL ELECTION 2001



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The Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (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 non-partisan organization to monitor the incidence of election – related violence. CMEV has monitored every national, provincial and local election since 1997, including the last Presidential Election (1999) and the General Elections of 2000 and 2001. The Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA) functions as the Secretariat of CMEV.

CMEV appoints Field Monitors to Polling Divisions, Coordinators at both District and Provincial Levels and approximately 30 Monitors or Election Day Monitors in each Polling Division on the day of the polls. In this election, CMEV and PAFFREL Monitors were granted official permission by the Election Commissioner to enter Polling Centres. Mobile Teams are also deployed on Election Day. Information on the incidence of election related violence is corroborated at the level of the Polling Division, District Coordinator and finally Provincial Coordinator levels, before it is released to the media. All Media

Releases and Reports are signed by the three Co-Convenors, Ms. Sunila Abeyssekera, Mr Sunanda Deshapriya and Dr Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu. CMEV Monitors sign a pledge affirming their commitment to independent, non partisan monitoring and are trained before deployment.

In addition to local Monitors at all levels, CMEV also deploys International Observers to work with its local Monitors in the field, two weeks to ten days before polling day and on polling day. International Observers are recruited from international civil society organizations and have worked in the human rights and development fields as practitioners, activists and academics.

On Election Day, CMEV deployed 4347 Monitors including 25 International Observers. CMEV monitored a total of 6,215 polling centres or 58.2% of the total of 10,670 polling centres.

The figures provided in this report re incidents on election day are provisional ones. A final tally of all incidents during the campaign and on Election Day will be provided in the Final Report on Election Related Violence in the April 2004 General Election, once all reports are received and collated. The Final Report will also include a report on post –election violence, covering a period of approximately two weeks following Polling Day.

Profile of Violence and Malpractice: Election Day and Post Election (3rd - 6th April 2004)

Of a total of 368 incidents of violence and malpractice on Election Day recorded by CMEV, the largest number of incidents were recorded from the Digamadulla (44), Kandy (33), Kurunegala (31) and Jaffna (28) Districts.

Of the 368 incidents, the UNF is cited as the alleged perpetrator in 141 or 38% of all incidents and the UPFA in 81 or 22% of all incidents. The two main formations account for 60% of all incidents, confirming a pattern of violence and malpractice throughout the campaign as well, in this election and in previous ones. In terms of complaints made, the UNF total is 31 (8%) as opposed to the UPFA's 47 (13%). The Police have made a total of 54 complaints (15%), 30 or 56% of which are against the UPFA and the UNF combined.

The number of polling centres recorded by CMEV as being affected by incidents occurring in them or within the 500 metre radius of polling centres stipulated in the election law is 361 or 3% of the total number of polling centers (10,670). Of the 361, district wise Digamadulla accounts for 54 centres or 15%, Kurunegala for 34 or 9%, Jaffna for 29 or 8% and Kandy for 25 or 7%.

CMEV is concerned by the incidence of post election violence, reports of which number 81. Of these 33 or 41% have been categorized as Major Incidents, including 02 Murders, one each in the Anuradhapura and Moneragala Districts respectively. Nine (09) cases of Arson have also been reported, 03 from the Kurunegala District and 02 each from the Galle and Matale Districts respectively. The highest number of Major Incidents of post election violence have been recorded in the Kurunegala District (07) followed by the Puttalam District (06).

Of the Major Incidents of post –election violence, the UNF is cited as the alleged perpetrator in 11 or 33% and the UPFA in 13 or 39% of all such incidents. Both parties are cited as the alleged perpetrator of one (01) Murder each.

In terms of complainants of post election violence, the UNF has made 58 complaints or 72% and the UPFA 17 or 21%.

Conclusion

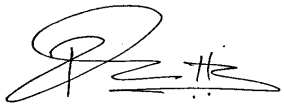
On the basis of reports recorded, CMEV concluded that Election Day 2nd April 2004 was considerably and qualitatively less violent than the last General Election of 5th December 2001. The April 2004 election, both in terms of the campaign period and polling day and except for the situation in parts of the North and East in particular, is the most violence and malpractice free election in Sri Lanka, in the last decade. It is the election most free of violence and malpractice, that CMEV has monitored.

In the North and East, CMEV felt that polling in the Jaffna District and in the Polling Divisions of Sammanthurai, Potuvil and Kalmunai in the Digamadulla District, warranted annulment and urged the Election Commissioner to consider doing so and order a re poll in those areas. In the Jaffna District our assessment was based on the reports of local and international observers and in the Digamadulla District on the reports of local and international monitors. (Please see annexed Press Releases dated 2 April 2004).

CMEV believes that the low level of violence and malpractice in the April 2004 election is attributable to a number of factors, most notably the role of the Election Commissioner and the Police in ensuring adherence to election laws. **CMEV congratulates the Commissioner and the Police on their success in this regard and calls on the Police to act swiftly and effectively to investigate the incidents of election and post election violence and to prevent**

further escalation of the latter. We call upon the newly elected government and the leadership of all political parties to cooperate with the Police in this regard and to fulfill their primary responsibility for the prevention of post election violence.

CMEV wishes to thank the Election Commissioner, the Police, its monitors and international observers, donors and all those who assisted and participated in its monitoring of the April 2004 General Election. Our very special thanks go to our fellow citizens, without whose cooperation and support monitoring would not have been possible or worthwhile.



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Election Day incidents- Polling Centers and Vicinity

Electoral Division	Total No of registered votes	No of polling centers	No of polling centers monitored	No. of polling centers monitored with incidents	Special comments
Kandy					
Galagedara	49964	44	21	None	
Gampola	81694	54	15	9	No. 48 - Distribution of polling cards (police report). No. 24 - Snatching of polling cards of UNF supporters. (police report). No. 11 - Impersonation of a polling agent by unauthorized person (police report) No. 38 – around 10 supporters from both the UNF and UPFA attempted impersonation. 6 of them including the SPO and other officials were handed over To the police. No. 39 - Distribution of propaganda cards of UNF candidate Keheliya Rambukwella (9) by his supporters near the polling center. No. 55 - Canvassing within 500metres of the polling center. No. 31 – allegation that supporters of UPFA candidate D.M. Jayarathne (12) Attempted impersonation. UNF candidate Abdul Cader's (2) supporters were Seen near the polling center No. 32 - Threat and intimidation of voters. No. 53 – Attempt to assassinate the Chairman of the Urban Council while he was making his way to the polling center. Two suspects were arrested. (from newspaper Lankadeepa 3/4/2004) Monitor sacked. Information from mobile monitor.
Harispattuwa	133404	101	34	None	
Hewaheta	59853	47	47	1	No. 25 - Distribution of propaganda cards.
Kandy	36760	25	18	2	No. 6 - attempted impersonation. Police stopped them from entering the Polling center. No. 18 - several women attempted to impersonate. Police stopped them from Entering the polling center.
Kundasale	74784	42	22	1	No. 4 - problem with polling agent. Mr. Amarathunge S. Kithsiri (5) UNF candidate verbally abused the SPO.

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Nawalapitiya	76700	53	24	7	No. 53 – UPFA polling agent was assaulted by UNF candidate Kishan Karunaratne's (8) sister's supporters. (She is the Mayor of Municipal Council) No. 48 –Mr. Mohandas was arrested by the police for impersonation. No. 10 - Snatching of CMEV monitor's file that had recorded incidents. No. 08 - UPFA and UNF supporters had assaulted each other severely and four UNF supporters, a vehicle (61 – 1874) were taken into custody by the police. Further, there had been two grenades which were seized. No. 13 - UNF polling agent threatened by Mahindananda Aluthgamages (7) and Supporters outside the polling center. UNF polling agent stated that 4 files, Rs1000 and an umbrella he was carrying was snatched by UPFA supporters. No. 18 - UPFA candidate Mahindananda Aluthgamages (7) threatened UNF polling agent. Complaint made by UNF candidate Kishan Karunaratne (8) No. 17 – UNF polling agents were not present due to their cards not being issued. This was due to the Pradeshiya Sabha chairman having being arrested the Night before the election.
Patha Dumbara	69554	53	37	none	
Senkadagala	66995	42	21	1	No. 13 - impersonation by UPFA supporters, complaint by UNF
Teldeniya	39730	41	none	none	No monitor
Udu Dumbara	51360	50	34	none	
Udunuwara	69844	55	30	1	No. 26 - vehicle no252 – 2061 of UNF candidate Mr.Laki Jayawardene's (15) supporters have been arrested for displaying the candidate's name and number within 500 meters of the polling center.
Yatinuwara	69992	45	25	3	No. 18 - Intimidation of voters. (police report) No. 27 – Supporters of the UPFA were caught with fake polling cards. No. 40 – Rigging of votes by UNF supporters.
TOTAL	880634	652	328	25	
Matale district					
Dambulla	107353	97	21	3	No. 64 - UNF supporters numbering 22 were arrested for going in a procession near the polling center. (police report) No. 70, 90 - UNF candidate Ranjith Aluwihare (No. 2) complained to the Police that persons from the presidential security division were at the polling center (from newspaper Lankadeepa 3/4/2004).

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Laggala	58799	67	24	6	No. 17 - seven UPFA supporters were arrested for asking the people to vote for the UPFA in a loud manner. They were arrested by the Naula police. (police report). No.15 - two UNF supporters were arrested for asking the people to vote for the UNF in a loud manner. (police report) No.1 - a UPFA supporter was taken away by the police for wearing a cap representing the UPFA. (police report) No. 51,55,57 - voters were chased away by UNF supporters. This Complaint was made by Matale JVP Pradeshiya Council member G. Dissanayake. (newspaper Lankadeepa 3/4/2004)
Matale	69860	57	44	5	Arrested 7 for attempting fraudulent voting. (police report)- the details are as follows- No. 23 - three UNF supporters had attempted fraudulent voting, No. 16 - two UNF supporters had attempted fraudulent voting, No. 38 - UPFA candidate had attempted fraudulent voting. No. 40 - UNF supporter had attempted fraudulent voting (police report) No. 16 - UNF candidate Alec Aluwihare (1) was told near the polling center to vote for the UPFA (from newspaper Lankadeepa 3/4/2004).
Rattota	76544	74	27	none	
TOTAL	312556	295	116	14	
N' Eliya					
Hanguranketa	61868	66	36	7	No. 36 - Several polling cards were handed out behind a building within 50-75m from the polling center. Some individuals were seen cleaning ink from fingers. The same two women were seen voting at another polling center. No.30 - Two girls tried to vote but were refused since they did not have ID's. They took their polling cards with them. No.27 - A man was arrested for voting with a card belonging to a deceased person. No.33 - A UNF vehicle was seen distributing polling cards. No.35 - A woman was seen coming to vote. She was also seen at another Polling center earlier. Polling card snatched allegedly by UPFA candidate Jayaratne Dissanayake (7) & his bodyguard. No.30, 32, 36 - UNF supporters had chased away voters and snatched their polling cards. (newspaper Diwaina 3/4/2004) No. 34 – UNF supporters allegedly assaulted by supporters of UPFA candidate Jayaratne Dissanayake (7) & his security police constable 30673.
Kotmale	65044	64	48	none	

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N'Eliya/Maskeliya	239511	192	61	3	No.37 - A voter was arrested (newspaper Lakkbima 3/4/2004). No.111 - Ambagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha UPFA member Maithripala Wimalasuriya was not allowed to vote since the SPO had claimed that the voter had a postal vote. A complaint was made with the police stating that he had no postal vote. (newspaper Diwamina 4/4/2004) No. 189 - UNF supporters campaigning outside polling center.
Walapane	69813	67	none	1	No.56 - Walapane Pradeshiya Sabha UNF member Jagath Samarahewa and 5 others were arrested for having a weapon without a license and traveling in a vehicle which belonged to a government office. (police report) No field monitor.
TOTAL	436236	389	145	11	
Galle					
Akmeemana	76101	69	48	6	No. 01 - A woman had come to vote using her sister's polling card. No. 05 - A woman was caught for impersonation. No. 30 - Polling agent had refused to let a person vote. No. 34 - A voter had tried to leave the polling center with polling card. The police had stopped the person No. 40 - UNF supporter had threatened a voter stating that if a vote is not cast for No. 13 UNF candidate the voter would be killed No.41 - UNF vehicle SPHN 2541 had transported voters to the polling Center.
Ambalangoda	63495	58	36	1	No. 48 - UPFA candidate Shan Wijelal (13) had threatened the police at the polling center. No. 31 - CMEV monitor's entry was objected to by polling agents of both parties (UPFA & UNF) and PAFFREL monitor.
Baddegama	83381	80	45	none	
Balapitiya	48387	49	38	none	
Bentara –Elpitiya	80943	72	44	2	No. 37 - impersonation No. 31 - A voter was told to leave by SPO after shouting and creating a scene.
Galle	70204	61	55	none	
Habaraduwa	72566	72	39	2	No. 37 - UNF supporters had threatened voters. Van no. 59-2150. No. 29 - UPFA supporter assaulted by UNF supporters, shots fired in the air.
Hiniduma	86343	85	69	1	No. 24 - UNF candidate Vajira Abeywardhana's (1) placard was seen 60meters from the polling center.
Karandeniya	62178	58	31	none	

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Ratgama	73009	66	48	2	No. 07 - UNF supporter assaulted by UPFA supporters. No.06 - UPFA supporter assaulted by UNF supporters.
TOTAL	716607	670	453	14	
Matara					
Akuressa	82330	60	31	none	
Deniyaya	80259	59	49	1	No 58 - Two persons could not vote because their votes had already been used by some other people.
Devinuwara	71812	59	42	None	
Hakmana	79918	61	44	1	No. 8 – Person attempting to cast a fraudulent vote was arrested.
Kamburupitiya	74434	61	27	1	No. 26 - UPFA polling agent Mr. Akram had been threatened not to report to the polling center by UNF candidate Mahinda Wijesekera (6) & supporters. CMEV informed police & police mobile team had gone to the polling center. When police arrived, Danwas Abeywickreme (2) UPFA candidate & supporters as well as Mahinda Wijesekera (6) had both been at the polling center and the police had sent them away.
Matara	78465	61	47	3	No. 59 - supporters of Mangala Samaraweera (9) UPFA and Mahinda Wijesekera (UNF-6) had argued 400m away from the polling center. No. 01 - A large placard of Mahinda Wijesekera (UNF-6) was seen near the Polling center. Supporters of Mr. Wijesekera distributed leaflets to voters near the Polling center. No. 21 - supporters of Mahinda Wijesekera (UNF-6) were seen handing out Leaflets.

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Weligama					<p>No. 43 - two UNF supporters assaulted a UPFA supporter. No. 43 - UPFA candidate Premasiri Manage's (3) vehicle was attacked by supporters of Mahinda Wijesekara (UNF). According to Police S.I. Soysa , 8 attackers were taken into the police vehicle but they were pulled out by Mahinda Wijesekara (UNF -6). The police including Chief Inspector Gunaratne had been present but they had not done anything about it. There were around 200 supporters of Mahinda Wijesekera present at the polling center. There is an ongoing investigation into this incident. EIB - 238/26 No. 01 - UNF candidates were threatening voters to vote for UNF. No. 08 - Leaflets of UNF candidate Justin Galappaththi (5) were handed to voters. No. 45 - UNF supporters were threatening voters to vote UNF. No. 20 - UPFA supporter NE Wickramasena was attacked by Mahinda Wijesekara (UNF 6) and his supporters. This was done at Mr. Wickramasena's house which is in front of the polling centre. No.19 - Fraudulent voter arrested. UNF and UPFA supporters had threatened voters near the polling center. UNF supporters had attacked a UPFA voter. The CMEV Monitor was also threatened. No. 11 - A group of people wearing t-shirts with Mahinda W. (UNF 6) number were seen near the polling center.</p>
TOTAL	83288	64	48	7	
Hambantota	550506	425	288	13	
Beliatta					<p>No. 44 - supporter of UNF candidate Sajith Premadasa (7) Mr. Manawaduwa was attacked. He had sustained head injury. Mr. Manawaduwa's vehicle was forced off the road by a Vehicle without number plates, causing damage. The Beliatta Police confirmed the incident. No. 31 - UPFA supporters have attacked Ranil Piyadarshana (6) from the Independent group No 3. No. 31 - Two fraudulent voters arrested.</p>
Mulkirigala	72045	73	30	2	
Tangalle	85563	83	30	none	
Tissamaharama	98376	90	55	1	<p>No. 43 - UPFA accused the SPO of deceiving elderly voters requiring assistance & marking their ballot papers.</p>
	128377	127	59	2	<p>No. 107 - Unregistered voter was sent away by SPO. No. 87 - Supporters of UNF candidate MIM Nawaz (8) were seen distributing leaflets near the polling center.</p>
TOTAL	384361	373	174	5	
Colombo					

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Avissawella	98012	52	41	none	
Borella	62722	39	36	none	
Colombo-Central	153763	98	48	6	No. 02 – three supporters of UNF attempting to cast fraudulent votes were apprehended. No. 41 – A supporter of the UPFA was caught with a polling card that was not his own. No. 34 – A supporter of the ULF(United Lalith Front) was caught with nine polling cards that were not his own. (Police report 46/2004) No. 68 – A person was arrested after he attempted to cast a fraudulent vote. No. 88 – Four supporters of the UPFA were caught attempting to cast fraudulent votes. No. 83 – A supporter of the UPFA was caught distributing campaign leaflets.
Colombo East	67885	39	27	none	
Colombo North	86388	53	53	3	No. 42 – A UNF supporter was caught by the police after he cast a fraudulent vote. (police report.) No. 31 - A UNF supporter was caught by the police after he cast a fraudulent vote. (police report.) No. 39 – A UNF supporter was caught by the police attempting to cast a fraudulent vote.
Colombo West	40209	26	12	none	
Dehiwala	60159	38	38	1	No. 23,24,25 – 25 JHU supporters including 4 monks cast around 25 illegal votes – observation by CMEV Monitor.
Homagama	135242	71	39	none	
Kaduwela	143644	68	42	none	
Kesbewa	137285	74	55	none	
Kolonnawa	106335	59	55	none	
Kotte	74159	47	47	7	No. 06 - Fraudulent vote cast by UPFA candidate Susil Premajayantha's (2) supporter. Apprehended by police but not arrested. UNF polling agent not present. Small scale impersonation. No. 01, 02 - UNF candidate Ravi Karunanayake's (22) placards were shown at the polling centers. No.17 - UPFA candidate Arjuna Ranathunga's (4) vehicle was near the polling center. No.10 - UNF candidate Ravi Karunanyake's (22) supporters voted fraudulently. No. 9,11 - one UNF supporter and three UPFA supporters were taken into

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					custody for handing out candidates' campaign cards.
Maharagama	118318	62	28	none	
Moratuwa	116454	71	48	none	
Ratmalana	67176	37	37	none	
TOTAL	1467751	834	606	17	
Gampaha					
Attanagalla	109731	70	70	6	No.43, 44 - 2 UNF supporters were arrested for having candidate's leaflets. No. 54 - 2 UPFA supporters were arrested for having leaflets. No.33 - 2 UPFA supporters were arrested for distributing leaflets. No. 46,47 - one UPFA supporter was arrested for distributing leaflets.
Biyagama	96568	59	59	none	
Divulapitiya	90352	58	50	none	
Dompe	94755	70	40	none	
Gampaha	120833	81	54	none	
Je-Ela	113559	70	65	1	No. 41 - two persons assaulted near the polling center
Katana	110706	75	30	none	
Kelaniya	80329	56	50	none	
Mahara	117826	74	64	none	
Minuwangoda	107679	72	23	none	
Mirigama	104122	75	44	none	
Negombo	88773	62	52	none	
Wattala	91912	64	64	none	
TOTAL	1327135	886	665	7	
Kalutara					
Agalawatta	88142	80	54	none	
Bandaragama	104093	68	65	2	No. 31,32 - A large crowd gathered near the polling centre - both UNF and UPFA
Bulathsinhala	69720	55	30	None	

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Beruwela	96897	66	45	1	No.55 - UNF and UPFA supporters had assaulted each other. Supporters of the UPFA injured. The Beruwela Police had taken Mr. Masayin Mohommed (UNP) – Mayor of Beruwela into custody and had later released him. (Newspaper Diwaina 2004/4/3)
Kalutara	99940	59	32	2	No. 51 - police by beating chased away a group of people distributing promotional material near the polling center- supporters of UNF candidate Rajitha Senaratne (12). No. 38 - Kalutara police have arrested 10 persons who were in possession of 2 bombs, 2 guns and leaflets of UNF candidates Rajitha Senaratne (12) and Bandula Parakrama Gunawardane (9).
Horana	96686	64	50	none	
Panadura	99741	63	63	none	
Mathugama	90919	60	60	none	
TOTAL	746138	515	399	5	
Anuradhapura					
Anuradhapura East	77391	57	57	None	
Anuradhapura West	81435	72	41	None	
Horowpathana	65482	52	37	1	No. 03 – four were arrested for impersonation
Kekirawa	66036	55	22	5	No. 03 - threat to voters (intimidation) by supporters of UPFA candidate Gamage Weerasena (6) No. 08 - arrest of J.M. Adikari's (1) Independent Group 3 & his supporters with weapons near the polling center. No. 12 - threat and intimidation by armed persons No. 18 - threat & intimidation by UPFA supporters. No. 19 – impersonation by Mohammed Riaz. He was arrested.

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Kalawewa	102138	77	62	8	No. 14 – intimidation by UPFA supporters against UNF supporters. No. 21 – UPFA voter GL Sarathchandra was assaulted by supporters of UNF candidate Sunil Mendis (11). Complaint has been lodged with police. No. 40 - attempted entry to polling center by UNF supporters No. 12 – Threat by UPFA supporters to UNF polling agent No. 05 – Threat to UNF polling agent by UPFA supporter. The polling agent was told not to go on election day. No. 67 – 2 Voters assaulted by UNF candidate Sunil Dissanayake's (4) supporters. No. 72 – Voter Christopher (UPFA supporter) attacked inside the polling center. No. 24 – Threat to voters by supporters of UPFA candidate Duminda Dissanayake (9).
Madawachchiya	68897	64	64	None	
Mihinthale	52770	47	36	None	
TOTAL	514149	424	319	14	
Polonnaruwa					
Medirigiriya	66605	55	35	1	No. 43 – Attempt at impersonation by older brother using his younger brother's polling card. This person had voted at the polling center 43 Hall No 2 and gone to Hall No 1 at the same polling center to cast the second vote.
Minneriya	70308	62	35	1	No. 47 – A sick lady had asked a polling agent to mark her vote as she was unable to do so. She claims that the agent marked a vote for UNF when she asked for UPFA.
Polonnaruwa	117148	106	59	3	No. 91 – Attacked with rocks when ballot boxes were transported. UPFA candidate Maithripala Sirisena (6) and supporters had threatened Independent Group No 8 Palitha Perera (4) near the polling center No. 97 – 2 persons attempting to vote fraudulently were arrested. No. 41 – CMEV monitor was refused entry into polling center by SPO at the request of Mr. Mahinda Ratnayake – UPFA candidate.
TOTAL	254061	223	129	5	
Jaffna					

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Kayts	51911	47	32	8	No. 16 - Fraudulent voters handed over to police on an EPDP Complaint No. 41,42,45,46 - had incidents of systematic impersonation. Polling cards seen being given to 10-15 people. No. 45 - had many incidents of systematic impersonation. EPDP van dropped 15 people at the polling center. TNA candidate No2. Kanthar Nallathambi Srikantha, Conducted a meeting outside the polling center with approximately 40 people, including 5 persons who were denied entry to the polling center by the SPO. Two youth were not allowed to vote due to having ink stained fingers. At 4.00pm 55% of the votes were cast compared to only 20% votes being cast between 3-30pm in other areas. No.17,18 – The same woman was seen voting in two polling centers No.18 – Voters from a van were turned away because the TNA agent complained. No. 42 - TNA candidate No2. Kanthar Nallathambi Srikantha had a meeting with approx 25 people, near the polling Center. 10 people were seen handing out polling cards. Voters were seen taking these cards to the polling center. No. 7 - Challenges made by EPDP polling agents. This resulted in voters being turned away by SPO.
Jaffna	57460	43	37	2	No.20 - Around 20-25 EPDP voters were restrained from entering the polling center. No. 01, 36 - Impersonation allegations by EPDP polling agent against TNA voters, later dismissed by Police.
Vaddukoddi	61283	57	37		15 polling centers had unauthorized persons from ITAK and EPDP inside the center.
Kopai	61403	60	8	4	No. 37 - About 20 youth gathered in a suspicious manner not far from the polling center. Some had polling cards. They disappeared when they realized that they were being observed. No. 7 - A large group consisting of young and old, removing ink from fingers and polling cards being handed out. Nearby a van was seen handing out polling cards. No.20 - A woman was seen removing ink and hid a polling card. No. 27 - Large group of youth seen near the corner to the polling center. A man was seen with finger cleaning agent and passing out polling cards.
Point Pedro	45457	43	26	2	Large scale impersonation by TNA. No. 04,05 - van was seen handing out buns to people. Van raced away when monitors were spotted.
Kankasanthurai	64434	58	37	None	
Manippai	65218	62	57		Only TNA polling agents were present in 33 polling centers.

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Chavakacheri	57379	51	16	4	No. 32 - Ballot box not sealed properly. SPO claimed ignorance. No. 12 - Several young people seen outside polling area passing on paper that looked like polling cards. Mobile police moved them away. No 13 - 2 cyclists were observed hiding a bag near the van. The bag contained polling cards that they later distributed. No. 7 - two youths seen cleaning fingers a short distance from the polling center. Lunchtime a bus was seized to transport people to vote. One was arrested. (Police report).
Uduppidy	54087	53	33	3	No. 36 - vehicles transporting voters at 12.15pm Van no. 52-1182, bus 29-5767 and bus 29-3792. No. 13, 14 - EPDP candidate No.10 Ms. Maheswari Velauthan, notified that the EPDP polling agent was been intimidated by the TNA candidate Sivajilingam (3). Large scale impersonation by TNA
Nallur	67672	52	39	6	No. 32 - voter was not allowed to vote as EPDP polling agent objected. No. 50,51 - EPDP agent was intimidated by TNA supporters. No.46,47,48 - People were seen erasing ink from their fingers. Around 8 men were seen removing ink from fingers. Three youth aged 15-17years were stopped from voting. They were seen with a TNA candidate the previous night. It was alleged that EPDP had been selling polling cards the previous night Near the Nallur Temple. ASP Mr. Ananda Seneviratne had stated that there was no report at the police.

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Muhumalai Cluster Booth (i.e. Killinochchi Plus Maradankerni)	64287 Killinochchi- 57975 + other polling centers (6312)	58 (Killinochchi- 50 + Maradankerni 8)	-	-	<p>Youngsters were found with a pile of polling cards. Loudspeakers were giving instructions on how to vote – there was indirect reference to the TNA. Example – reference was made to the house which is the symbol of the TNA.</p> <p>9.00am – EPDP members were handing out pamphlets to voters at a Police Check point. When asked the police said that they had received special permission from the Elections Commissioner. Police had seen at least 8 persons coming to vote twice. The I.O. had seen one person coming to vote twice.</p> <p>11.30am – several EPDP polling agents had told monitors that they were going to withdraw from Muhumalai. 4 EPDP polling agents had been prevented from doing their task by the ARO until their identities were clarified. The SPO claimed that the EPDP agents had constantly challenged voters thereby unduly delaying the Process. Suspicious queues of young people gathered near the polling center. One male voter had come with the polling card of a woman. Impersonation in general was seen at the center. Several voters were transported in TNA buses.</p>
TOTAL	650591	576	322	29	
Vanni					
Vavuniya	100185	75	61	2	<p>No. 76 - impersonation prevented by Polling Agent. No. 60 - Omanthai Central College – Polling cards were distributed to impersonators.</p> <p>Polling cards were handed out by two LTTE and one EPDP supporters. Polling agents were not allowed to be at the polling center – Complaint by PLOTE. Only TNA polling agents were at most centers. Underage impersonation – PLOTE complaint. Lack of adequate transport to uncleared areas.</p>
Mannar	72980	67	41	4	No. 66 – Attempted impersonation. Complaint by EPDP candidate of five young boys attempting to rig votes.

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					No. 45 - One person caught rigging votes No. 57 - Disturbance by police officers towards election staff. Secrecy of ballots questionable due to cramped conditions. No. 05 - One person caught for impersonation. PLOTE van was within 500m radius of polling center.
Mullativu	53439	None	None	None	No polling centers. Joint with Omanthai and Welioya
TOTAL	226604	208	102	6	
Batticaloa					
Kalkudah					No. 58,59,60 - Valaichchenai Al-Noor Maha Vidyalayam- UPFA Agent harassed and intimidated by other agents for speaking out On potential false voting. Clash outside the school between SLMC candidate Mr.Ameer Ali's (1) brother and UPFA candidate Mr. Gassali (5). Women supporting Mr. Ali were seen trying to vote twice but were refused by SPO. No. 69,70 - Young men were seen arguing with older women trying to get their polling cards or trying force them to vote for a particular party. No. 20,21,22 - Impersonation No. 23 - Impersonation No. 52,53 - Impersonation No. 27,28 - Impersonation No. 50 - Impersonation In Kokkadicholai there was a 1.3 km distance from the jetty to the polling center, and there was no bus.
Batticaloa	86626	91	49	14	
					No. 108, 113, 116 - Impersonation by UPFA. No.116 - Mr. Nazeer Hamza Independent Group No.8 candidate assaulted by SLMC supporters. Impersonation by UPFA. SLMC complained. Tension was controlled by Police. No. 113 - Impersonation by UPFA No. 114 - Impersonation No. 108 - Impersonation took place. UPFA supporters involved. No. 117 - Impersonation. SLMC polling agent driven away by UPFA. Most votes were cast by noon.
Paddirippu	141190	133	76	5	
	76112	83	46	2	No. E 34, 35 - A complaint was received that the CMEV monitor had not been allowed to enter the polling center. SPO was P. Sivalingam. This was due to the letter being in Sinhala and he could not understand it. Mr. Thiaygarajah explained the contents of the letter and the monitor was then permitted to take his seat.

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TOTAL	303928	307	171	21	
Trincomalee					
Trincomalee	86277	97	84	7	No. 55 - people whose names were not on the voter list asked the SPO to allow them to vote. SPO refused. No. 68 - SLMC polling agent prevented four underage ITAK supporters from voting. 4 other ITAK supporters threatened the polling agent with death. No. 76,77 - Approximately 100 ITAK supporters came by bus to vote. They were not from the area. (Impersonation) No. 92 - Impersonation took place by SLMC. No. 72,73 - Impersonation.
Seruwila	63161	87	68	6	No. 36, 37 - Mr. Sarath Ranaweera, brother of UNF candidate Sunil Shantha (6), asked voters to vote for Mr. Shantha. No. 53 - UPFA candidate MKDS Gunawardana had assaulted polling agent. Complaint lodged at Kantale Police. No. 51 - Two SLMC vehicles detained by police for displaying campaign material. No. 21,27 - SLMC and ITAK party members were seen casting votes of deceased people and those gone abroad. Fraudulent voting on a large scale.
Muthur	74869	94	45	6	No. 9 - Impersonation. No. 14 - Polling agent Ali from Independent group 2 was threatened by voter. No. 32 - Police officer had reported same people voting 5-7 times No. 37 - Police officer had reported that a Muslim woman had voted 7 times. No. 50, 51 - Underage voting by SLMC supporters using polling cards of persons who are abroad. A group of people congregated outside the polling center and were chased away by police.
TOTAL	224307	278	197	19	
Digamadulla					
Kalmunai	60456	56	38	5	No. 24,25, 26 - Impersonation. UPFA supporter tried to impersonate. No 22 - Polling agent Mr. Rizwan was assaulted by UPFA supporters. He was hospitalized. E 49 - Sainthamaruthu. There were persons close to the polling center wearing caps with the colours green and yellow and the numbers 1 and 8 with a crosses marked on them. CMEV monitors heard them saying that someone who had harassed

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					<p>them yesterday (name was not clearly heard) would be killed if they came to vote today. The road from Kalmunai to Tirukkovil - there were crowds of men, gathered near the entrance to the polling center. There was a feeling that they were equally divided between supporters of SLMC (Rauf Hakeem) and NUA (Ferial Ashraff and Mr. Athaullah).</p> <p>In Sainthamaruthu there was a large crowd on the road. there had been a clash between SLMC and NUA supporters. The STF had shot into the air to disperse the crowd.</p>
Amparai	132371	140	111	1	No. 43 – Supporters of UNF candidate A.P. Galappattige Chandradasa (3) were giving money to voters outside the polling center.
Pottuvil	123051	126	87	26	<p>No. 43 – Voters were transported in ITAK van.</p> <p>No. 54 – Intimidation by ITAK supporters. People were brought in two ITAK vans to impersonate.</p> <p>No. 55 – Impersonation by ITAK supporters.</p> <p>No. 39 – Around 200 voters were outside at 4.00pm. The ITAK supporters shouted at the SPO to let them impersonate, but the SPO refused.</p> <p>No. 32 – Impersonation.</p> <p>No. 26 – Impersonation. A person appointed to help the elderly was asking The elderly voters to vote for the SLMC.</p> <p>No. 24 – Impersonation.</p> <p>No. 30, 31 – Impersonation by EPDP & ITAK supporters. The vehicles of both parties were parked outside the polling center.</p> <p>No. 22 – Supporters of SLMC and UPFA were fighting in front of the polling center.</p> <p>No. 16 – Supporters of the UNF arrived on motorbikes and intimidated voters.</p> <p>No. 49 – Impersonation by ITAK.</p> <p>No. 52 – Impersonation by ITAK.</p> <p>No. 122, 123 – Impersonation.</p> <p>No. 45 – Impersonation by ITAK. Supporters of ITAK who were standing outside The polling centre were beaten and chased away by the police.</p> <p>No. 46 – Supporters of ITAK were standing around the polling center before the ballot boxes were taken.</p> <p>No. 73 – UPFA candidate Mr. Athaulla Ahamed Lebbe Marikkar's (2) supporters arrived and impersonated for about ½ hour. Around 50 or 60 votes may have been cast by them.</p> <p>No. 103 – Impersonation. More than 100 votes. SPO couldn't control situation.</p>

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				<p>No. 101, 102 – a fifteen member group, who were supporters of the SLMC repeatedly voted. The SPO could not control them. He ultimately said “this is the last time”.</p> <p>No. 82 – Approximately 40 members of SLMC issued polling cards to young boys to vote.</p> <p>No. 112 – Supporters of SLMC were giving polling cards to young people from a shop opposite the polling center.</p> <p>No. 42 – Supporters of ITAK – threat & intimidation of voters.</p> <p>No. 116 – Impersonation. Campaign leaflets distributed.</p> <p>No. 85 – SPO sent off impersonators and seized their false polling cards.</p> <p>E 85 - Al Hidayah Vidyalaya at Palamunai, polling center. SPO was U.L.O. Rahamatullah.</p> <p>Registered voters were 1243, and over 900 votes had been cast by 12pm. CMEV monitor K. Zubaideen was present. The SPO said he had sent back some persons that he suspected of impersonation after taking away the cards that they had brought with them.</p> <p>According to Police Complaint EIB 368/4 registered by a candidate of Independent Group No.19, Mr. Abdul Rashid Mohamed Sayeed (2), two candidates Mr. Mohamed Thambi Muhajirin (9) and Mohamed Ibrahim Mohamed Hussein (7) of the Independent Group No. 19 were injured. They were admitted to Amparai Base Hospital with cut wounds resulting from an assault on them by SLMC supporters including SLMC Candidate Mr. Uthuma Lebbe Uvais (4). The attack took place at 5th Milepost on the Ampara/Akkaraipattu road at approximately 11.30 am. One of the vehicles they were traveling in, a white van No. HV 5326, was damaged and taken to the Police Station.</p> <p>Tirukkovil. There had been a clash between TNA candidate Capt. Chandra Nehru's (1). supporters and the supporters of another TNA candidate Canagasabai Pathmanathan (3). He stated that he was providing transport for his supporters to go to the polling centers. Such arrangements were being made while the monitors were there. While the monitors were with him, some persons who had gone to cast votes for him by impersonating others came in complaining that</p>
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					<p>they had been unable to do so because the SPO prevented them.</p> <p>E 54 - on the road to Tambuluvil at about 3.25 p.m. SPO was I.L.M.A. Munauwer. There were people that were seen earlier on with Capt. Chandra Nehru (1) in Tirukkovil and the monitors were quite sure they were his supporters doing a last round of impersonating. Isuzu van 30 Sri 0238 and a white van 250-6210 were the vehicles used.</p>
Samanthurai	63166	69	40	22	<p>No. 44 – Attempt at Impersonation by SLMC supporters, which UPFA Agent prevented. Supporters of SLMC tore the ballot papers and SPO suspended voting from 11.00am to 1.30pm. No. 43 - Male ITAK voter brought female voter's polling card. No. 35, 37 - Supporter's of SLMC candidate M.I.M. Mansoor (6) had entered the polling center and had threatened the voters to vote SLMC. UPFA supporters had objected and a fight had erupted. SLMC supporters had attacked UPFA supporters including Mr. Kunjithamby and damaged his motorbike. No. 30,31 - Impersonation by UPFA and SLMC. No. 28,29 - Fighting between UPFA and SLMC supporters. UPFA supporters were assaulted & hurt by SLMC supporters including candidate Sinna Lebbe Mansoor (10). Police shot in the air to control situation. No. 23 - fighting between UPFA and SLMC supporters. No. 21, 19 - Impersonation took place No. 18 - SLMC supporters snatched police weapon and fired at UPFA supporter's vehicle. Driver Mr. Sinnatambi Injured. No. 17 - Impersonation by UPFA and SLMC supporters No. 13 - ITAK impersonation No. 45 - Impersonation No. 16 -UPFA and SLMC quarrel in front of polling center. No. 38 - UPFA supporters assaulted 3 SLMC supporters. No. 32,33 - UPFA national list candidate Mr. Anwar Ismail and his supporters entered two houses which are in front of the polling center and attacked SLMC supporters. STF who accompanied Mr. Ismail fired in the air. Mr. Ismail was traveling by car 32 shri 2305. STF jeep 59-7489.</p>

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					<p>E 116 - located at Nintavur National College- the SPO was H.L.M. Ismail. CMEV monitor Thiayagarajah saw several persons waiting to cast fraudulent votes. There were many persons gathered outside the polling center; CMEV monitors saw them with leaflets promoting one candidate and attempting to distribute it to persons going in to the polling center. A mobile Police team arrived and prevented this.</p> <p>E 113, 114 - at Nintavur. SPO was Mr. A.L.M. Azhar There were 1051 registered voters, and by 12, over 600 persons had cast their votes. One ballot box was full and had been already sealed.</p> <p>CMEV monitor threatened by unidentified Agent The previous night.</p> <p>Mr. S.C. Faleel, the CMEV monitor, said that he himself had been threatened on the previous night by a group of unidentified persons who came to his home and said he would be killed if he monitored the elections. Faleel said that there had been several under aged persons who had cast votes during the day.</p>
TOTAL	379044	391	276	54	
Kurunegala					
Bingiriya	75985	61	53	None	
Dambadeniya	83250	61	36	2	No. 4, 5 - Impersonation
Dodangaslanda	61727	46	44	None	
Galgamuwa	88822	66	46	6	<p>No. 16 - Snatching of polling cards. Done by UNF supporters. Voters had assaulted a driver. A UPFA voter had scolded a UNF supporter in the Polling center. No.19 - UNF supporters were sent away by police for obstructing Voters. No. 36, 37, 57 – voters assaulted by UNF, No. 36 & 37 – UPFA polling agents were chased out allegedly by UNF candidate Indika Bandaranayake's (8) supporters. No. 5 – Threat & intimidation.</p>
Hiriyala	83535	58	35	None	

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Katugampola	83645	65	32	2	No. 11 - threat and intimidation of two voters. No. 11 & 12 – voters assaulted by UNF supporters.
Kuliyapitiya	86416	70	38	1	No. 32 - Intimidation of voters. Pasting of posters also carried Out. Police intervened.
Kurunegala	74368	50	44	3	No. 03 -forceful voting. Supporter of Gaus Meera Sahib Mohamad(10). Was caught by the police No.06 – Mr. R.M. Ratnayake’s (polling card No. 1025) vote was cast by someone Else. No. 20 - group congregated within 30m of the polling center.
Mawathagama	75264	55	46	15	No. 29 - UPFA supporter had been showing placards and creating a scene. No.28 - UNF and UPFA supporters were congregating near the polling center. They were seen handing out leaflets. UPFA polling agent was delayed in coming to the polling center. There were about 100 votes cast by then. No. 49 - threat and intimidation- vehicle no. 54 shri 1366 No. 03 - voter intimidation and assault by UNF supporters. No.11 - clash between persons within 300m of polling center. UPFA Polling agent was given a letter saying that he should leave the Polling center. Voter was assaulted by another voter. No.18 - seven cases of impersonation. No 19 - UNF supporters threatening voters and assaulting a young girl. No. 22 - fraudulent voting by people who came in a lorry HA 2043 No. 02 – threat & intimidation to voters. No. 30 - posters were handed out to voters near the polling center. JHU voters assaulted by unknown party. Access to polling center blocked by supporters of UNF candidate Johnston Fernando (13). No. 24, 25 – UPFA voters threatened & prevented from reaching polling center. No. 18, 19, 21, 6, 7 – voters intimidated and assaulted by UNF candidate Johnston Fernando’s (13) Supporters. Firearms sighted. No. 18 – UNF Candidate Johnston Fernando’s (13) supporters had threatened the CMEV day monitor Mr. Ajith Indika Wijesinghe and had snatched his file.
Nikawaratiya	80736	63	28	None	
Panduwasnuwara	64979	51	40	1	No. 4 – a police officer who was on duty at the polling center clashed with another person outside the Polling center.
Polgahawela	68091	54	39	None	

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Wariyapola	65847	50	37	3	No. 12 – UNF supporters intimidated polling agents. Had taken 10 polling cards. A cyclist was injured when the UNF supporters were leaving the scene. No. 22 - UNF supporters lit fire crackers near the polling center. No. 07 - two cases of impersonation.
Yapahuwa	96817	67	41	1	No. 62 – A voter Mr. I.M. Ananda Priyankara was assaulted after he cast his Vote. Attack by UNF supporters. (Lankadeepa 05/04/2004)
TOTAL	1089482	817	559	34	
Puttlam					
Anamaduwa	92596	91	51	15	No. 8 – voter taken into custody attempting impersonation. No. 19 - UNF candidate Range Bandara (6) and supporters had Assaulted several persons near the polling center. No. 20 - mobile police no 6 came regularly in a vehicle. No. 31 – impersonation – vote already cast. No. 51 - Mr. K.A. Premalal was arrested for impersonation. No. 75 - Forcefully snatching polling cards. No. 36 - attempted impersonation. No. 14 - approximately 10-12 ballots were stolen. No. 5 - approximately 4-5 ballots were stolen. No. 06,07,10,11 - People intimidated not to vote. No. 30 – Threat and intimidation of voters by UNF candidate Palitha Ranga Bandara (6) & his Supporters. No. 03 – Supporters of UPFA were assaulted by UNF supporters.
Chillaw	98394	82	27	2	No. 11 – UNF supporter had threatened voters & was taken into custody. No. 12 – Voters chased out by UNF supporters.
Nattandiya	76097	64	26	None	
Puttlam	90004	75	41	1	No. 11 – UNF supporters had given voters food and drinks to get them to vote. UNF supporters had behaved in a manner that obstructed people from voting. UNF Supporters had obstructed the polling agents.
Wennappuwa	92966	75	32	None	
TOTAL	450057	387	177	18	
Badulla					

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Badulla	46872	41	38	5	No. 01 – 2 votes were canceled because they were registered as Postal votes even though they were not. No. 05 – A group of UNF supporters wearing green t-shirts & caps Were intimidating voters to vote for the UNF. This was within 500 metres of the Polling center. No. 15 – UNF candidate No. 3, Don Vincent Dias was Transporting around 20 voters in his personal vehicles (58 – 9021), (32 – 2557). No. 22 – Voters and an UNF polling agent were having an argument Inside the polling center. No. 27 – Distributing pens with UPFA candidate No. 3, Dilan Perera's name and number within 500m of the polling center.
Bandarawela	67710	62	44	1	No. 36 - impersonation.
Wiyaluwa	42921	47	33	3	No. 25 – 3000 Counterfeit ballot papers were found with UNF Candidate No. 10 Vadivelu Suresh. He was taken into custody. No. 36 – Counterfeit ballot papers were found within 500m Of the polling center in the vehicle (252 – 5608) belonging to a supporter of the UNF candidate Don Vincent Dias (3). He was taken into custody & produced in court. No. 40 – Supporters of UPFA candidate Wickremeratne Wijepala (9) Were caught distributing his campaign cards within 500 metres Of the polling center. Acid and wires were also found inside one Of the vehicles (31 – 1576).
Hali-ela	55733	56	30	2	No. 34 – Attempted Impersonation. No. 05- Impersonator arrested.(Lankadeepa 05/04/2004)
Haputale	54797	56	35	6	No. 40 - Caught with fraudulent polling cards No. 11, 12 – Supporters of UPFA candidate Mr. Segu Mohamed Madar Saibu (11) were distributing his campaign cards and money To voters within 500 metres of the polling center. No. 17, 18 – Supporters of UNF candidate Lokubandara Wijesinghe Jayaweera Mudiyanseelage (9) were transporting voters In his personal vehicle (62 – 0757). These voters did not have their ID cards No. 39 – Attempt at impersonation with a fake polling card.
Mahiyanganaya	74365	75	62	None	
Passara	52719	55	44	None	
Uva paranagama	53690	52	41	3	No. 28, 29 - Attempt at distributing polling cards & impersonation No. 16 – One attempt at impersonation. Supporters of UNF Candidate Upali Delton Samaraweera (1) were distributing his Campaign cards and telling people to vote for him. This was within 500m of the polling center.

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Welimada	62308	59	46	2	No.16 – impersonator arrested. (Lankadeepa 05/04/2004) No. 59- impersonator arrested. (Lankadeepa 05/04/2004)
TOTAL	511115	503	373	22	
Monaragala					
Bibile	65934	75	72	None	
Monaragala	83194	98	95	2	No. 17 – attempted impersonation. No. 49 – attempted impersonation.
Wellawaya	113614	119	118	2	No. 86 - A bomb was found 100m away in a house. It was defused. No. 16 – UNF and UPFA posters were displayed within 500m of the polling center.
TOTAL	262742	292	285	4	
Kegalle					
Aranayake	48731	42	29	2	No. 09, 10 - Threat & intimidation of voters by UPFA supporters.
Dedigama	78357	60	51	None	
Deraniyagala	57117	53	11	1	No. 14 – Supporter of UPFA arrested for impersonation.
Galigamuwa	60550	50	50	1	No. 13 - Distribution of campaign cards.
Kegalle	62561	49	49	2	No. 44 - Persons attempting to cast two fraudulent votes were arrested. No. 22 - Supporters of UPFA threatened and intimidated voters.
Mawanella	76115	50	35	None	
Rambukkana	58588	45	35	2	No. 4 – Independent Group No 6 candidate Malasekara (1) tried to enter polling Center with camera. He had argued with the police sergeant R.S. Pushpakumara when asked for his ID. No. 21 – UNF supporter Mr. Chaminda Ratnayake was assaulted & threatened Outside the polling center by four UPFA supporters.
Ruwanwella	64110	54	30	None	
Yatiantota	64170	54	38	None	
TOTAL	570299	457	328	8	
Ratnapura					
Balangoda	85285	80	38	1	No. 13 – a person alleging to be Thilak Marapana's son tried to enter the polling Center by threatening police.
Eheliyagoda	81652	61	34	None	

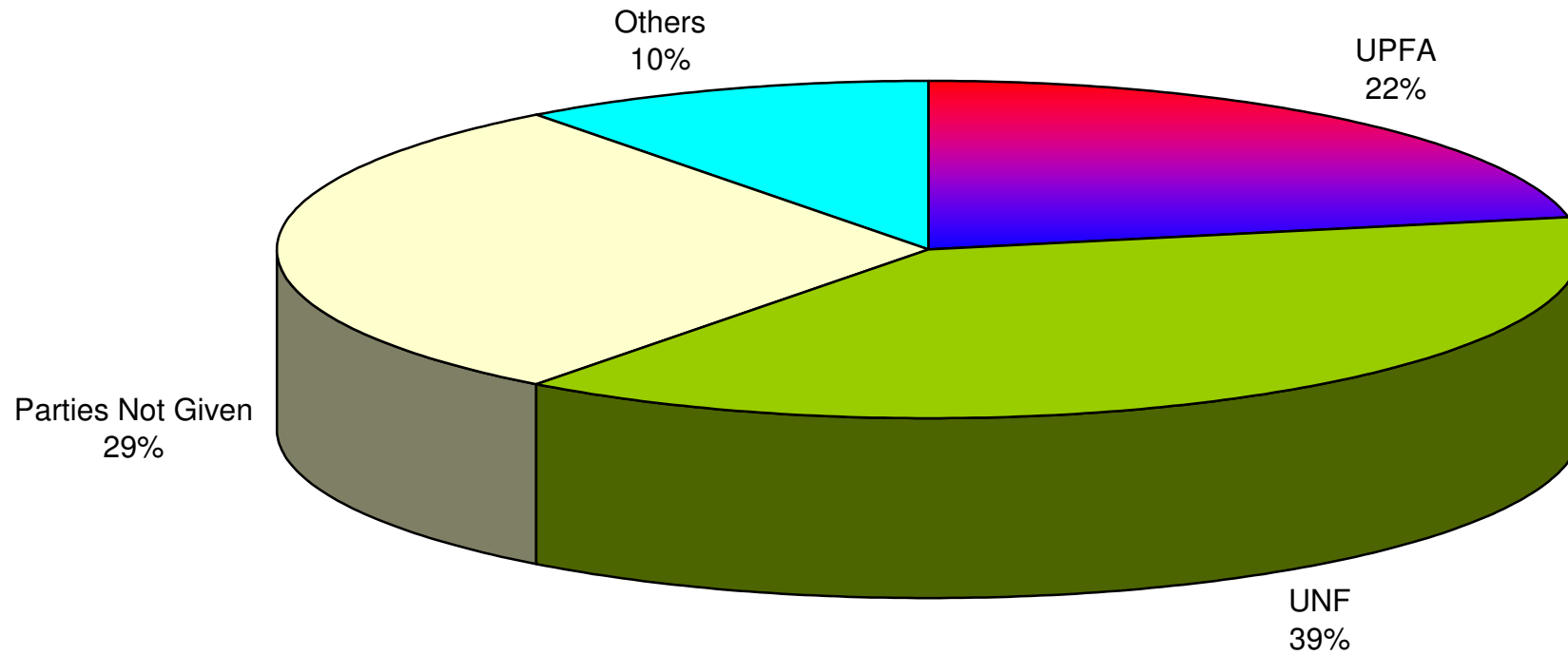
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Kalawana	50558	48	33	1	No.48 – Mr. Ajantha, a supporter of the UPFA– a former provincial council candidate had displayed a firearm and had threatened and intimidated voters. Complaint made to Police by wife of Mr. Susantha Punchinilame (8) UNF candidate.
Kolonna	111570	86	55	5	No. 52 - UNF supporters had threatened and intimidated the people in the polling center and had attempted to chase them out. No. 50 - attempted impersonation and distribute of promotional material by supporters of Mr. Achala Jagoda (UPFA – 1) & N. Deepal Gunesekera (UPFA- 4) No. 13 – Attempted impersonation by UNF supporter. No. 24 – attempted impersonation by UNF supporter. No.72 - two UPFA supporters with campaign leaflets were arrested.
Nivitigala	75915	62	40	5	No. 14,15 - Person attempting impersonation was assaulted by Premalal Jayasekara (13), UPFA candidate and his supporters. No. 23: Ms. Thalatha Atukorale's (UNF) supporters were congregating within 500m of the polling center. Vehicle numbers- 250 – 4183, 32 – 7578, 65 – 2004 No. 20, a blue jeep no 31 – 5081 had dropped off four or five people dressed in green near the polling center. No. 09 – Mr.Premala Jayasekera (13) UPFA candidate & approximately 20 supporters had threatened & intimidated the UNF polling agents.
Pelmadulla	63305	53	34	1	No. 24 – Systematic impersonation by both UNF and UPFA.
Rakwana	81393	70	39	1	No. 64 - person assaulted. A person claiming to be in the UNF tried to forcefully cast his vote.
Ratnapura	97357	76	36	2	No. 17 - UNF supporters intimidating voters to vote for them. No. 22 – A UPFA supporter pretending to be a polling agent had arrived drunk and had been misbehaving in the polling center. A UNF supporter had been shouting out his preference and had been misbehaving. An unidentified person whose Mother was not allowed to vote due to a misspelling of her name, came into the polling center and threatened the people in the polling center.
TOTAL	647035	536	309	16	
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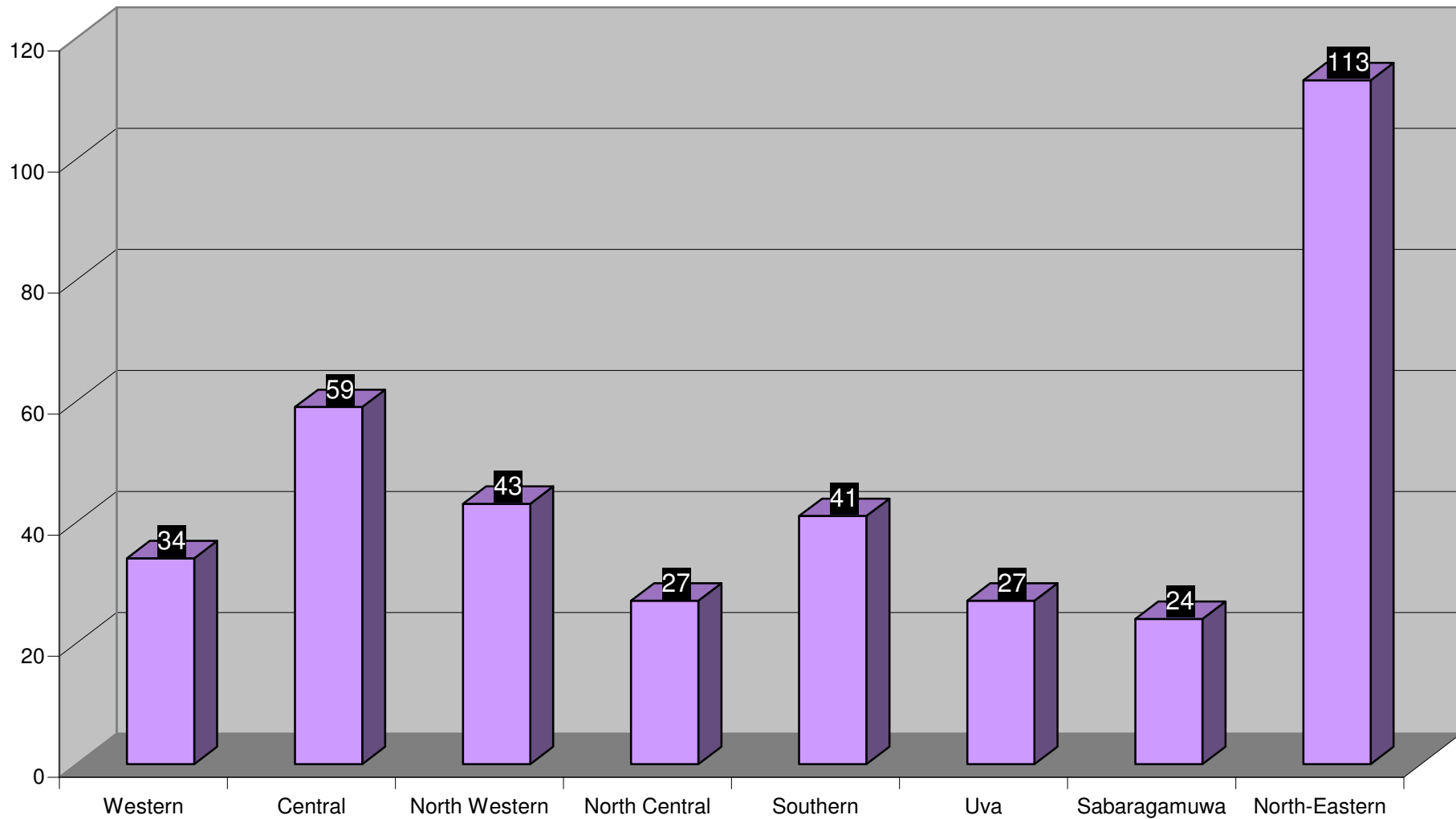
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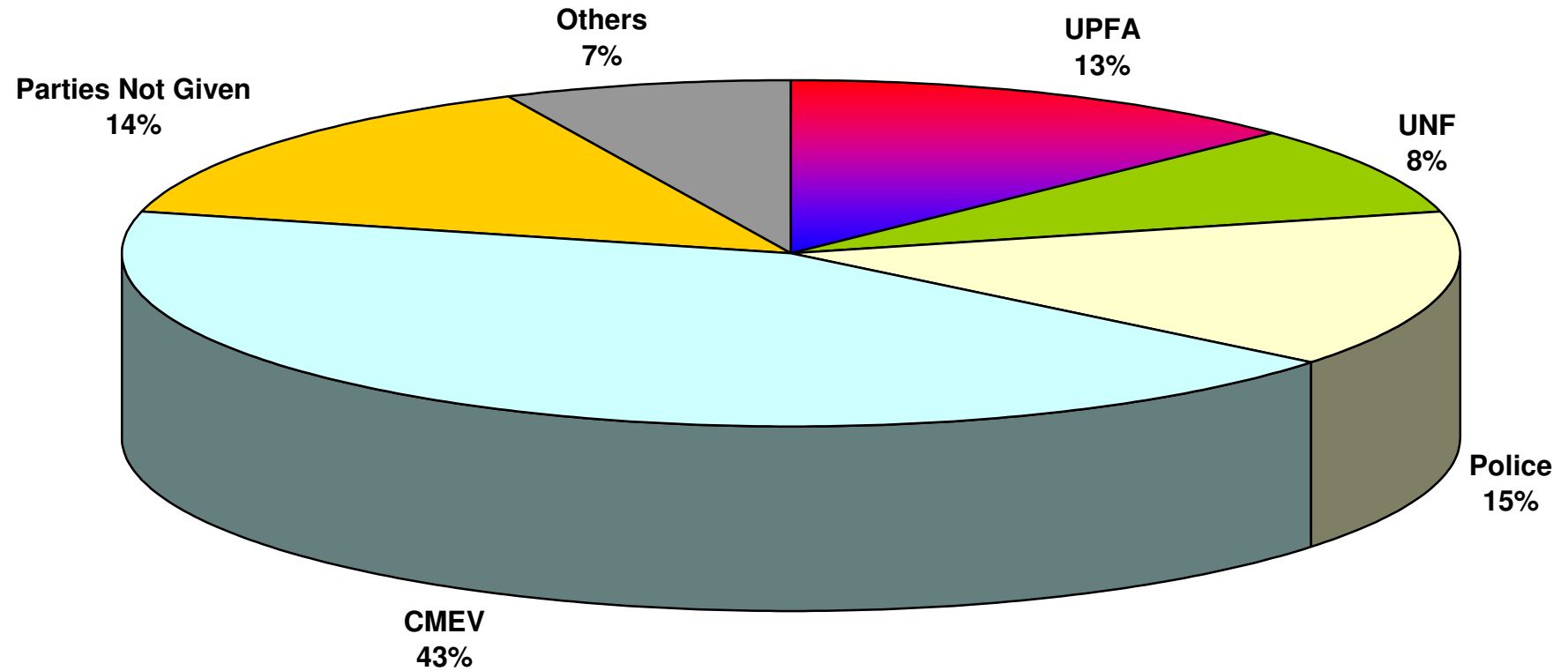
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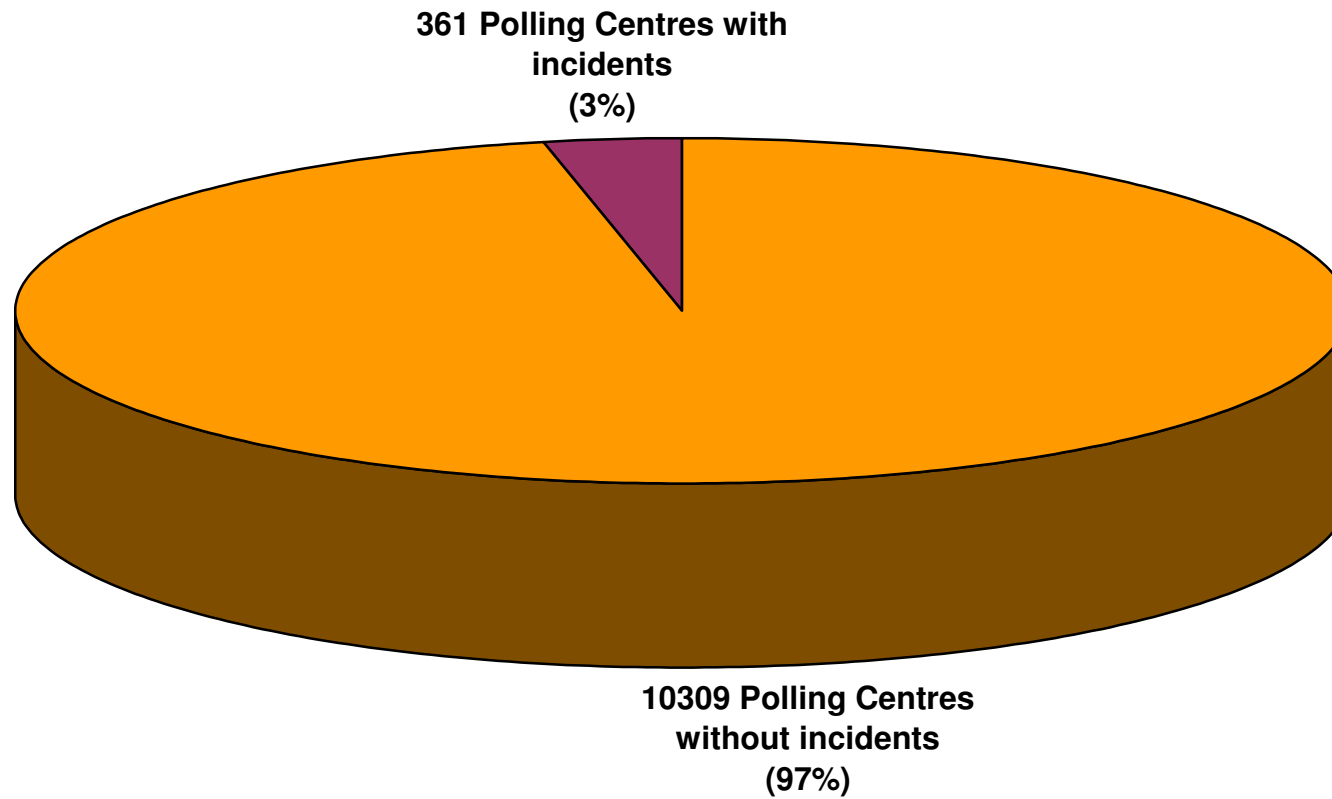
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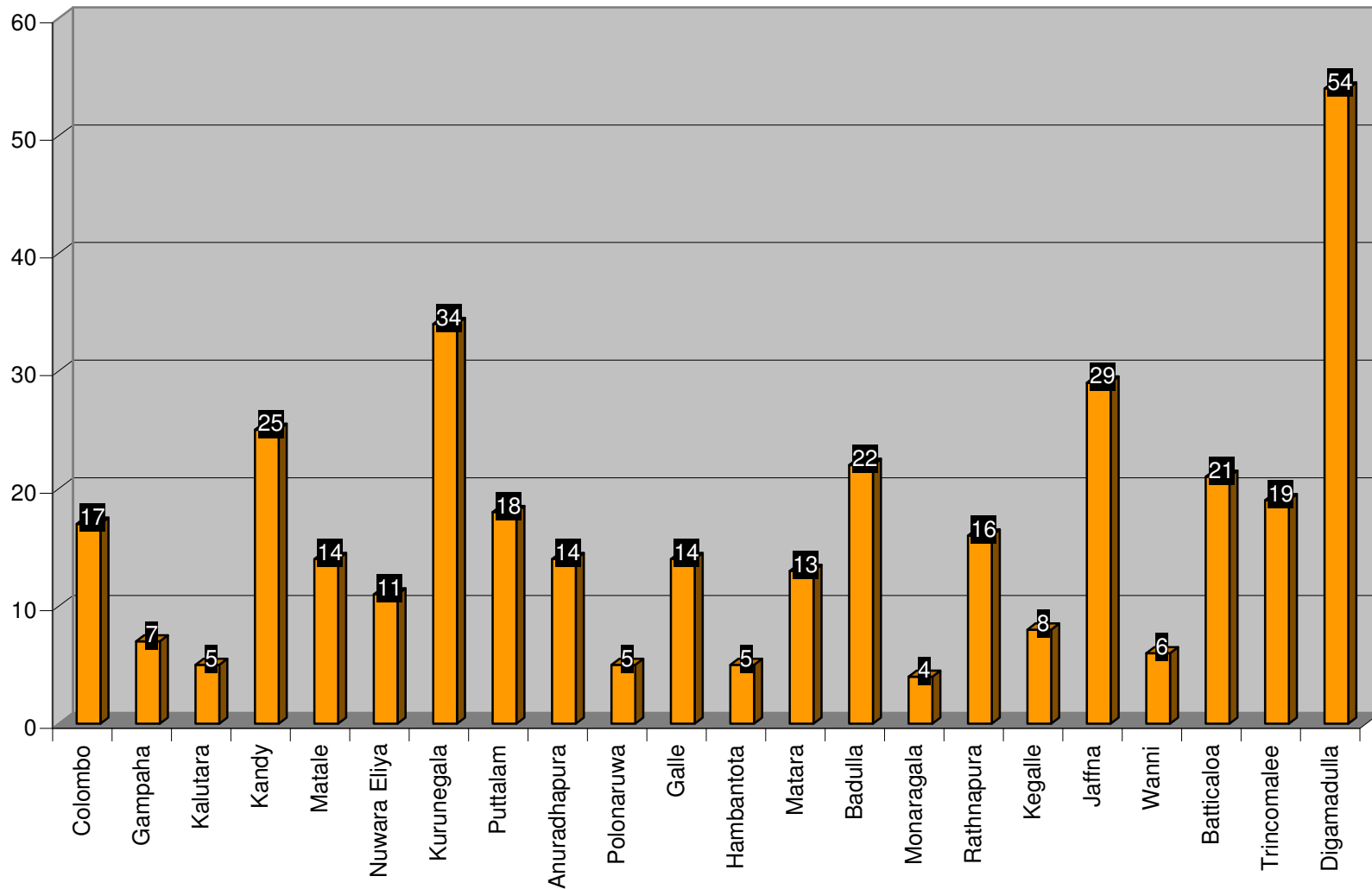


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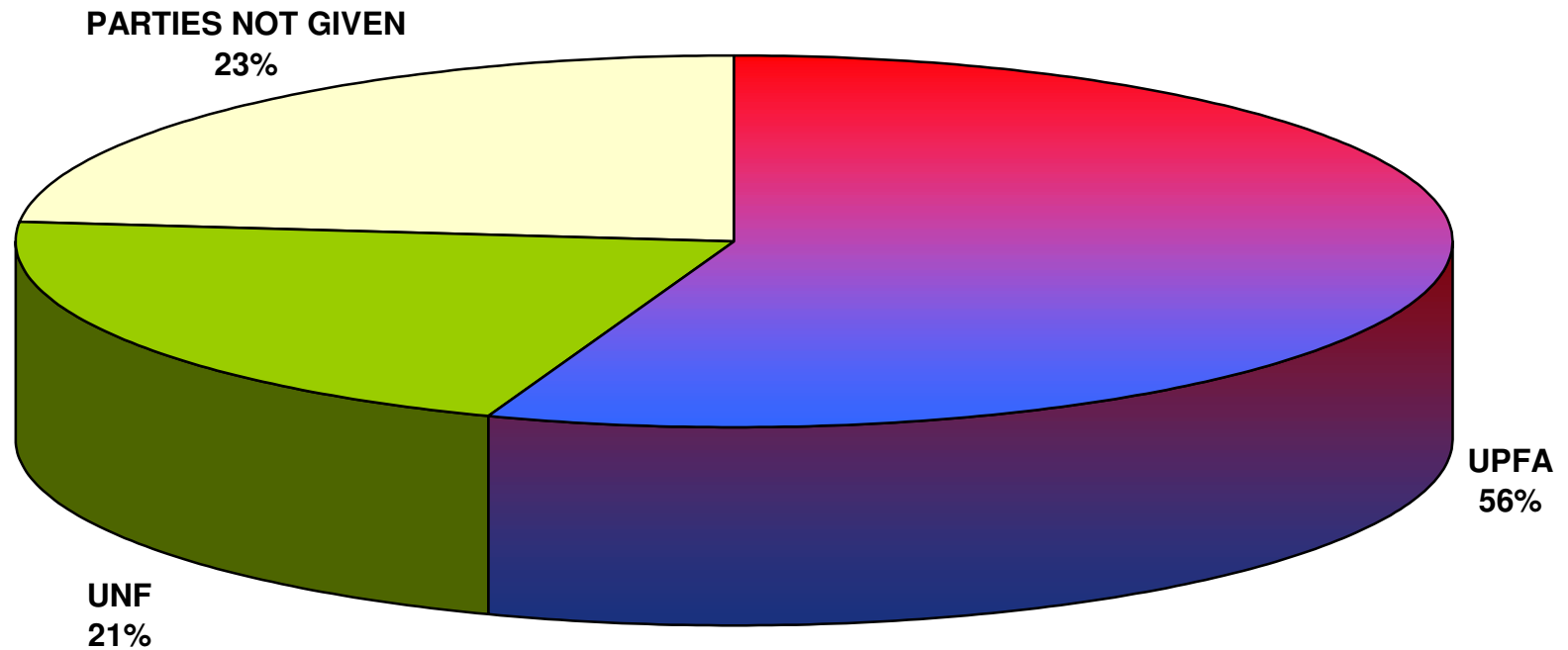
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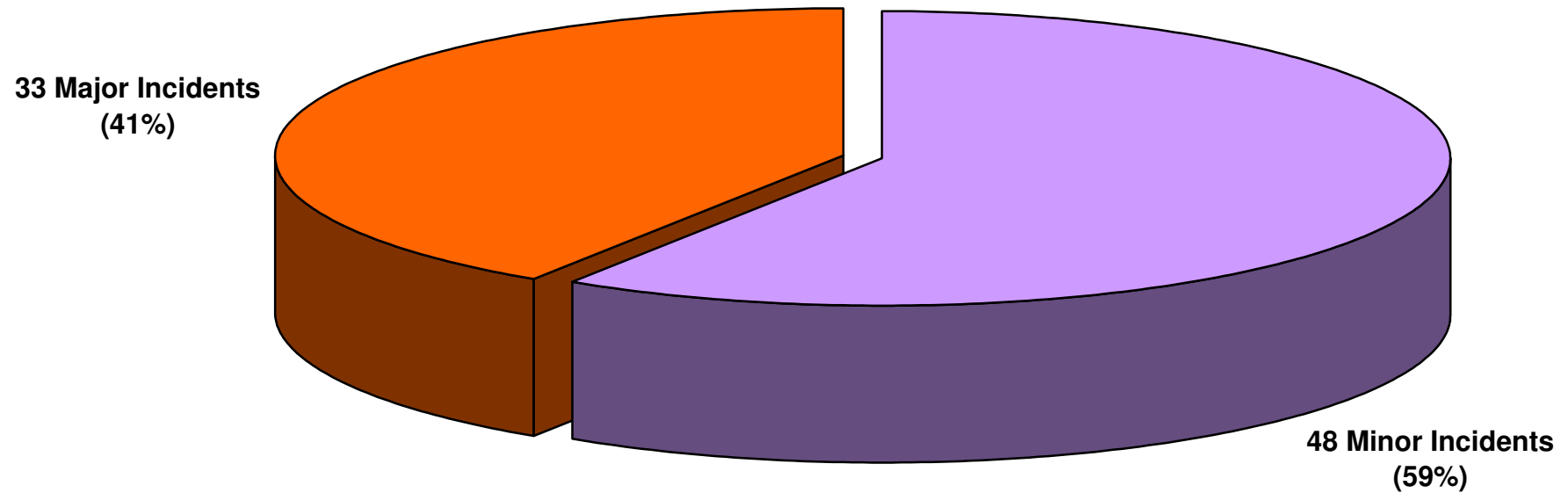
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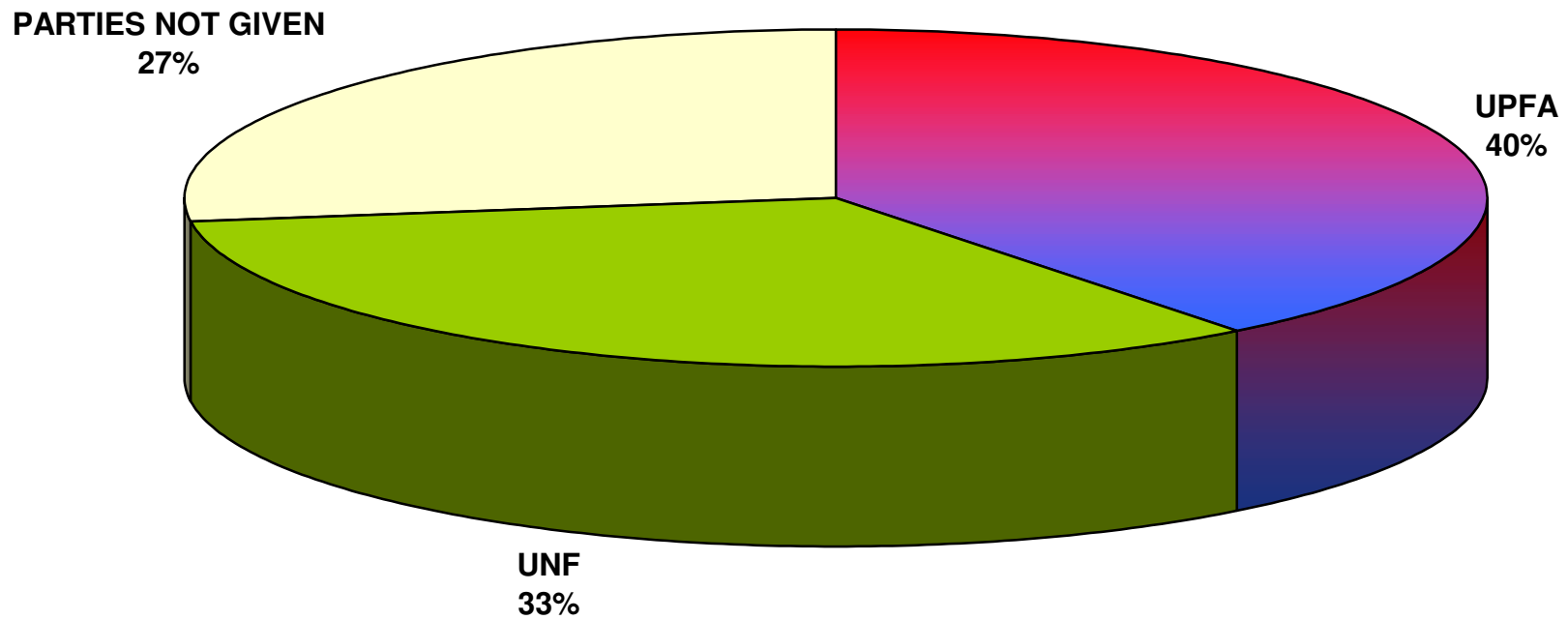
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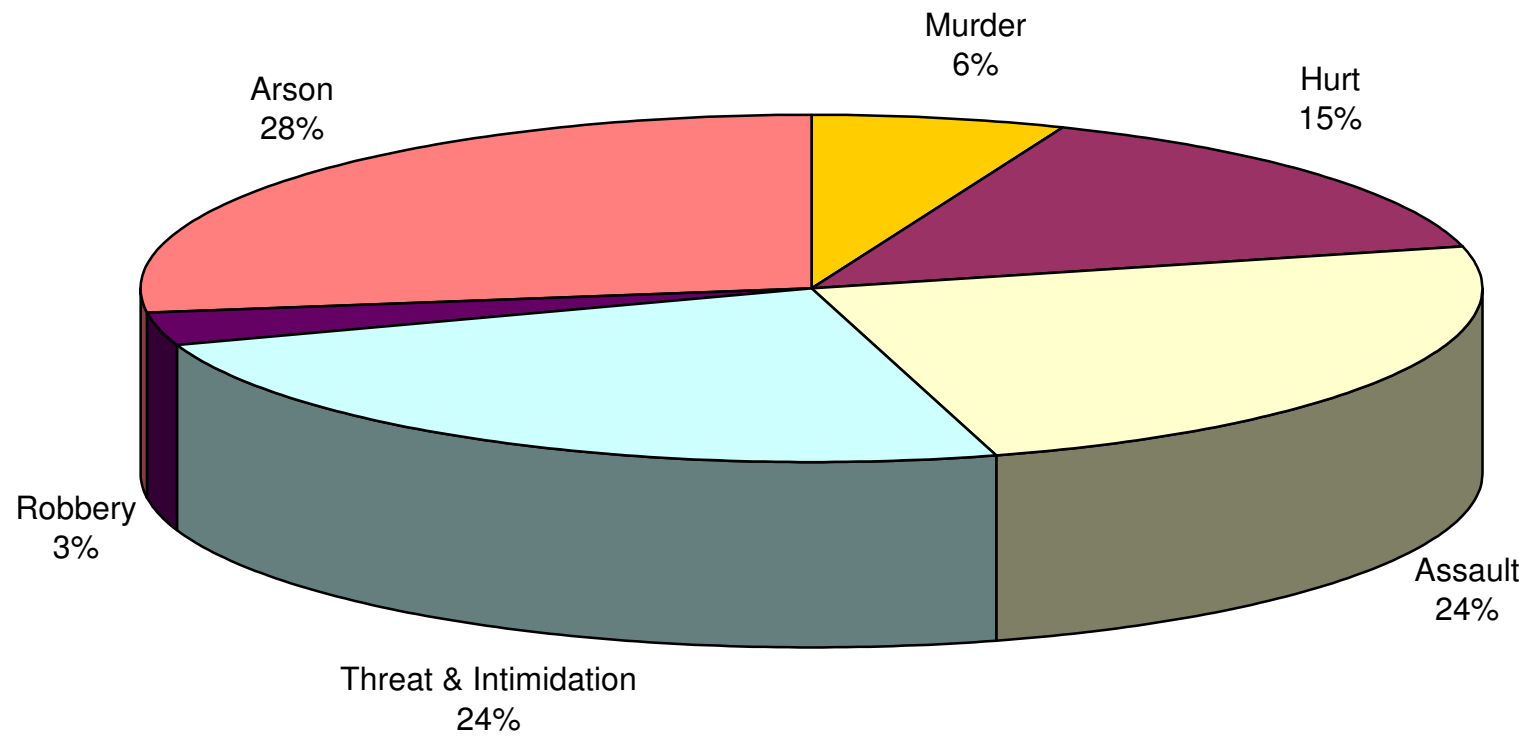
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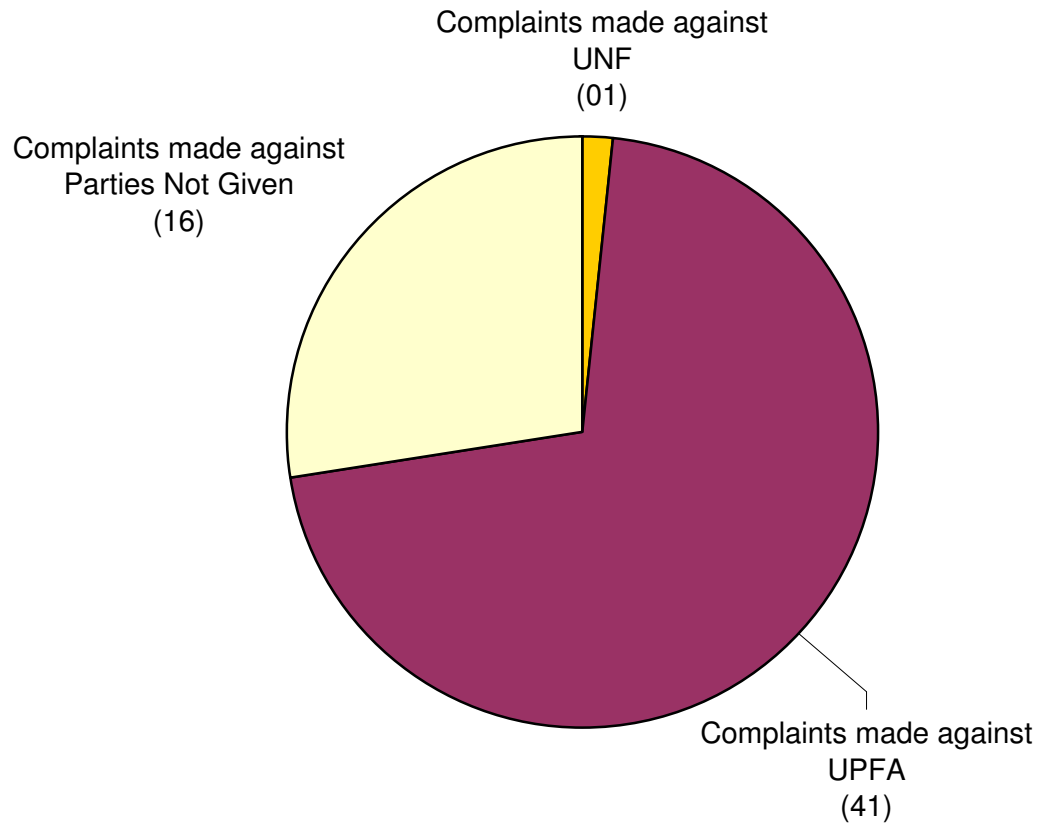
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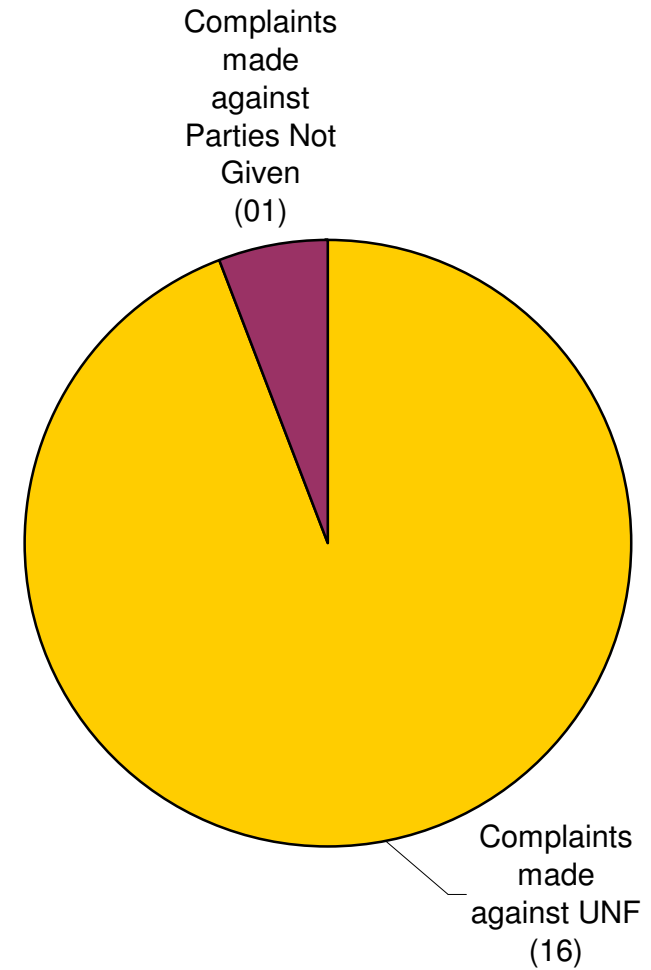
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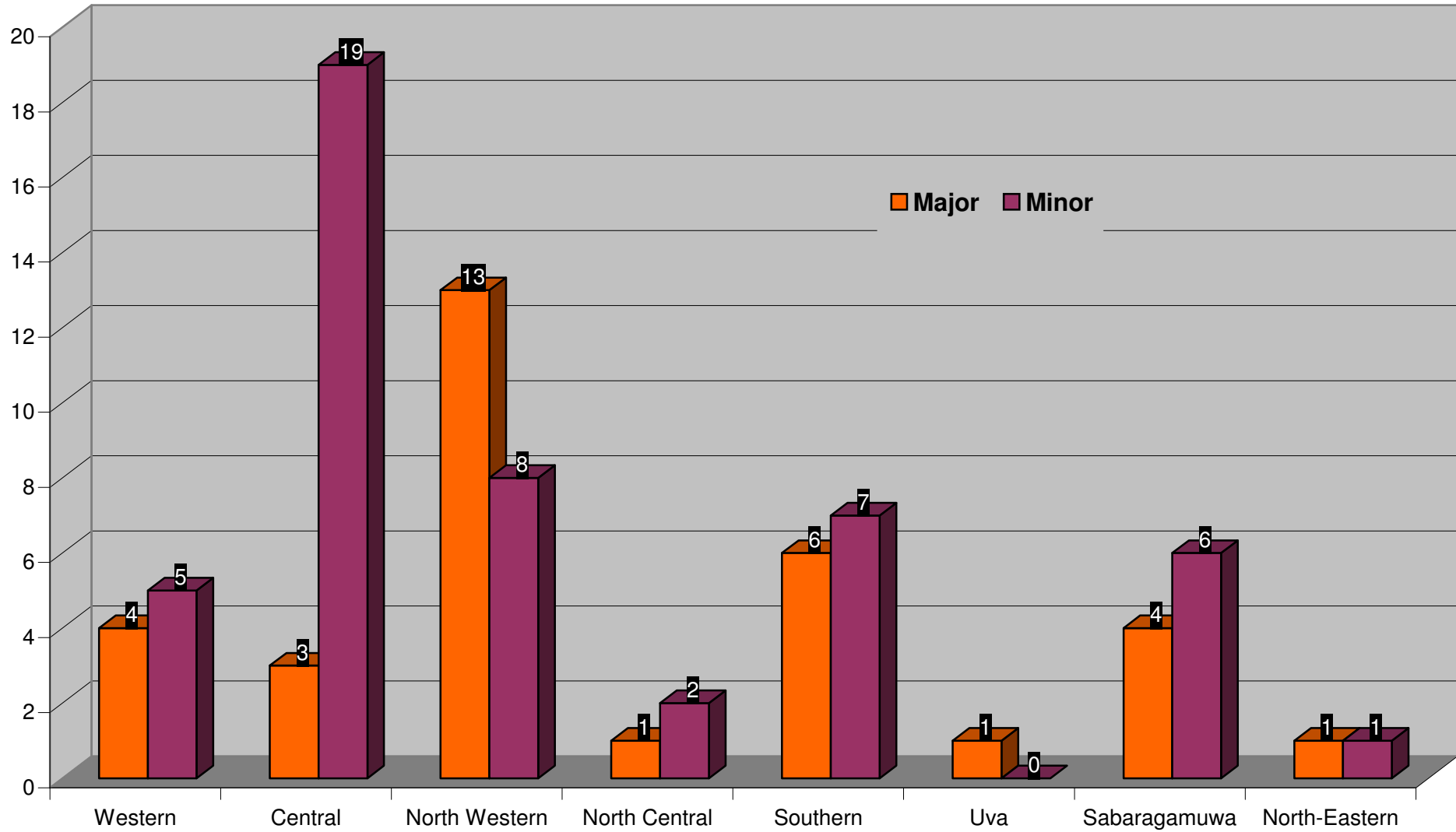
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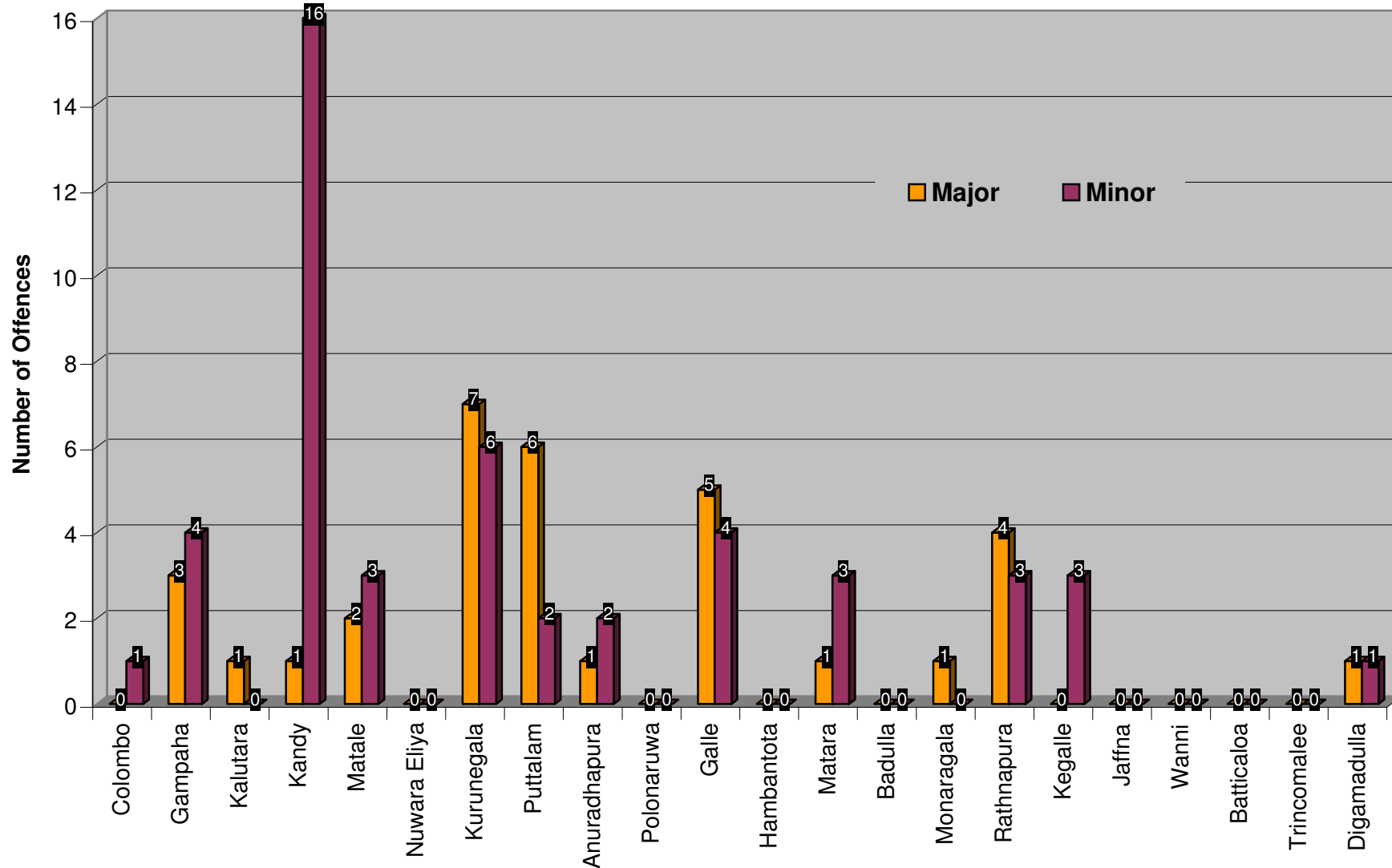
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PRELIMINARY REPORT – POLLING DAY 2nd APRIL 2004

CMEV has received a total of 102 reports of election related violence on polling day, by the time of the close of polls at 1600hrs. A sample of the incidents is provided below. On the basis of the reports received CMEV confirms that Polling Day in the General Election of April 2004 was considerably and qualitatively less violent than the December 2001 General election. CMEV's concerns with regard to the election in the North and East, highlighted in our Interim Report of 31st March 2004, remain. CMEV will issue a fuller report on the election in the North and East once more reports from its monitors in the field are received.

KURUNEGALA DISTRICT

Galgamuwa

No 05. Pothanagama Wijeya Junior School, threat and intimidation of UPFA supporters by UNF supporters.

No 36, 37, 57 Buduruwakanda Maha Vidyalaya, Mahagal Kadawala Mahasen Junior School, Maha Ambogama Junior School, voters assaulted by UNF, UPFA polling agents of 36 & 37 were chased out allegedly by UNF Indika Bandaranayake's supporters.

Katugampola

No 11 & 12, Nedalagamuwa Sri Rahula Maha Vidyalaya, voter assaulted by UNF.

Mawathagama

No 18, 19, 21 Mawathagama Central College Hall No 1,2,3 and No, 06 and 07 of Paragahadeniya Muslim Central College Hall No 1 & 2, voters intimidated and assaulted allegedly by UNF candidate Johnston Fernando's supporters, Fire Arms sighted.

No 30, Preaching Hall at Galapitamulla, Sri Bodhi Rajarama Viharaya, (aka Udhanagama Polling Centre) JHU voters assaulted, access to polling station blocked allegedly by supporters of UNF candidate Johnston Fernando.

No 24, 25 Pothubowa Maha Vidyalaya, UPFA voters prevented from reaching polling station, threat and intimidation.

Wariyapola

No 12, Malagane Maha Vidyalaya, 2 voters assaulted allegedly by UNF supporters and polling cards snatched.

PUTTALAM DISTRICT

Anamaduwa

No 30, Anamaduwa Central College, threat and intimidation of voters allegedly by supporters of UNF candidate Mr. Palitha Ranga Bandara.

No 3, Boyagoda Primary School, UNF supporters assaulted UPFA supporters.

Chilaw

No 12, Welipelassa Government Primary School, voters chased out by UNF supporters.

ANURADHAPURA DISTRICT

Kalawewa

No 67, Mawathegama Vidyalaya, Kalankuttiya, UNF candidate Sunil Dissanayake's supporters have allegedly assaulted 2 voters.

DIGAMADULLA DISTRICT

Sammanthurai

No 32, 33 Sennal Gramam Zahira Vidyalaya, threat, intimidation and assault of voters, polling cards snatched allegedly by SLMC National List candidate Anwar Ismail's supporters including his bodyguards. The candidate was allegedly present at the incident.

No 28 and 29, Kallarachchal Muslim Vidyalaya, UPFA supporter assaulted and hurt by SLMC supporters.

No 38, Al Arapa Vidyalaya, SLMC supporters attacked by UPFA supporters.

Pottuvil

Mohamed Muhajireen and Mohamed Ibrahim Hussian, candidates of Independent Group 19, were injured and admitted to Ampara hospital, when their vehicles were attacked allegedly by a group of SLMC supporters in the Akkraipattu Police Division. A police complaint has been made and the hospital confirmed the injuries to CMEV.

Kalmunai

No 29, Al Azar Vidyalaya, Kalmunaikudi, polling agent belonging to Independent Group 22 was assaulted allegedly by a group of Ferial Ashraf's supporters inside the polling station. The victim has been admitted to the Ashraf Memorial Hospital.

VAVUNIYA DISTRICT

Vavuniya

Systematic impersonation and distribution of polling cards observed by CMEV monitors at clustered polling booths, Omanthai.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Seruwila

No 36 and 37, Railway Superintendent's Rest. Kanthalai , UNF candidate Sunil Shantha Ranaweera's younger brother Sarath Ranaweera, allegedly intimidating voters.

NUWARA ELIYA DISTRICT

Hanguranketa

No 35, Pussalamankada Viharaya, polling cards snatched allegedly by UPFA candidate Jayantha Dissanayake and his bodyguard.

No 34, Diyatilake Maha Vidyalaya, UNF supporters assaulted allegedly by supporters of UPFA candidate Jayantha Dissanayake and his bodyguard.

KANDY DISTRICT

Nawalapitya

Mr. Weerasinghe, secretary to Mr. Mahindanada Aluthgamage has complained that UPFA polling agents of No 53, Nawalapitya Girls School has been assaulted by supporters of UNF candidate Krishnath Karunarathne's sister, who is the Mayor of Nawalapitya Municipal Council. When contacted by CMEV both the alleged perpetrator and the police have denied that such an incident has taken place.

MATARA DISTRICT

Kamburupitiya

No 26, Kirinda Muslim Kanista Vidyalaya, UPFA polling agent Mr. Akram chased away.

HAMBANTOTA DISTRICT

Beliatta

Supporter of Sajith Premadasa, UNF candidate for Hambantota, Mr. Kalum Manawaduwa, was assaulted by a group of unidentified persons. Mr. Manawaduwa's vehicle was forced off the road by 2 vehicles without number plates. The vehicle was damaged and the perpetrators fired shots into the air before assaulting the victim. This incident has taken place near No 44, Public Service Centre for Pottery Industry, Madegoda, polling center. Beliatta police confirmed the incident, but were unable to corroborate the firing of shots.

UPFA supporters have threatened Mr. Salaman Wimalagune Kodituwakku by shooting in the air. Mr. Kodituwakku's daughter is the UNF polling agent at No 47, Devvimana Sheela Meditation Centre, and polling station.

Tangalle

Supporters belonging to UPFA were assaulted allegedly by a group of Mahinda Wijesekera's supporters, with one victim Mr Dadalage Chandrasiri sustaining grievous injury. He received treatment at the Matara General Hospital. The perpetrators have come in three Jeeps and three three wheelers. They had used swords in the attack. The Dikwella police have refused to accept a complaint on this incident. According to the Police, no such incident occurred.

MONARAGALA DISTRICT

A grenade was thrown at the house of UNF candidate Mr. W.M Ratnasiri Bandara in the early hours of this morning, damaging his house. No one was injured. The UNF accuses the UPFA of being responsible for the incident.

RATNAPURA DISTRICT

Palmadulla

No 24, Dharmaloka Vidyalaya Palmadulla, systematic impersonation by UPFA

COLOMBO DISTRICT

Kotte

No 06, Obeysekerapura Community Centre, Arunodaya Mawatha, UNF Polling Agent not present, intimidation by UPFA supporters, small scale impersonation.

Dehiwala – Mt Lavinia

No 23, 24, 25, Dehiwala Madya Maha Vidyalaya, around 25 persons including 4 monks allegedly of the JHU involved in systematic impersonation observed by CMEV monitor.

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2nd REPORT – POLLING DAY 2nd APRIL 2004

The Centre for Monitoring Election Violence has in its monitoring of the incidence of violence throughout the campaign accorded the election in the North and East a special focus. This was warranted by the situation of NO War / NO Peace and the ceasefire agreement. The climate of fear and intimidation in which non-TNA candidates in the Jaffna District, in particular, had to campaign, necessitated this.

In its Media Release of 30 March 2004, CMEV highlighted the conditions under which the election campaign was being conducted. In that Press Release, CMEV urged

all parties contesting the elections in the North and East to ensure that voting is carried out without any acts of intimidation or violence or other malpractice on April 2, 2004.

We further stated that

It is only if divergent views and opinions are allowed to be expressed, and are seen to be expressed, that these elections can go on record as being conducted in a free and fair atmosphere. It is only then, that all those who emerge victorious can truly claim to be the legitimate representatives of their constituencies.

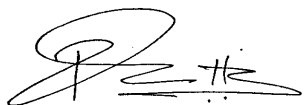
This has not been the case in the Jaffna District. Furthermore, on the basis of the reports that we have received from our observers in the field, we feel that polling in the Jaffna District was subjected to systematic impersonation, therefore warranting an annulment of the poll there followed by a re-poll of the District. We urge the Commissioner to consider this.

Some of our reports refer to

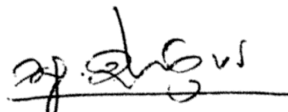
- ...large scale impersonation which was carried out in a well organized, systematic way...
- According to an observer in the area, the worst areas of impersonation were Point Pedro, Thumpalai, Puloly, Alvai, Karaveddy and Polikandy. Several groups were seen washing their fingers and a man with a bottle of clear liquid for this purpose, sighted. The observer further notes that impersonation was quite blatant with people arriving to vote with ink stains on their hands. The observer further notes that the SPOs and EPDP polling agents did not seem to care.
- Another observer noted that beneath the low number of complaints lay “an undercurrent that there was widespread attempts at intimidation for voters to follow the LTTE/TNA line”.

CMEV will issue a full report on the election in the North and East once a detailed debriefing of its Monitors and collation of reports, has been completed.

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3rd REPORT – POLLING DAY 2nd APRIL 2004

Throughout the campaign for General Elections in April 2004, CMEV had highlighted the need to pay special attention to the conducting of a free and fair election in the North and East, with a focus on ensuring respect for the rights of voters and the rights of political parties and groups contesting the elections in these areas. This was because of the circumstances in which large numbers of voters from the uncleared areas were to cast their vote for the first time and in the context of fears expressed by both Muslim and Tamil political parties and groups contesting the elections in the North and East of intimidation and harassment of their supporters. The fact that all five election-related murders that took place during the election campaign, between March 1 and March 31, occurred in the Eastern Province further heightened the need to pay special attention to this Province on Election Day.

Batticaloa:

CMEV monitors filed complaints of widespread impersonation at the Agrarian Service Centre, Kattankudy (Polling Station 108) Kattankudy Madya Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Station 117) and Nuramiya Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Station).

There was also a report of an assault of candidate Mr. Nazeer Hamza, of Independent Group 8, at the approach to Nooraniya Maha Vidyalaya in New Kattankudy West (Polling Station No. 116).

Monitors recorded intimidation of polling agents at several polling stations. UPFA candidate Mr. Kazali complained to CMEV monitors that SLMC polling agents were intimidating his colleagues inside the polling stations at Al Noor Vidyalaya, Valaichchenai (Polling Station Nos. 58, 59 and 60) when he challenged impersonations. Our monitor reported a tussle between supporters of SLMC and UPFA at the entrance to the station, and the Police had to disperse the crowd. There were also complaints of large-scale impersonation at this Polling Station.

There were also reports of large crowds congregating near the Ottamavadi Maha Vidyalaya (Polling Station No. 9).

Digamadulla District:

Amparai:

CMEV monitors made special reports on the situation they discovered in many polling stations in Sammanturai and Potuvil throughout the day. There were cases of impersonation, intimidation of voters and polling agents, including one CMEV monitor, blatant distribution of polling cards in the vicinity of the polling station, transporting of voters and several incidents in which the Police was forced to fire into the air to disperse groups that were congregating near the entrance to a polling station.

We give below several examples of such incidents:

Impersonation:

Incidents of impersonation were observed by CMEV monitors at the following Polling Stations, among others:

Sammanturai:

Sennal Gramam Zahira Vidyalaya (Polling Stations No. No 32 and 33)

Govt. Tamil Mixed School, Malwatta (Polling Stations 44 and 45)

Jamaliya Vidyalaya, Sammanturai (Polling Stations 30 and 31)

Al Ershad Vidyalaya, Sammanturai (Polling Stations 35 and 37)

Muslim Maha Vidyalaya, Sammanturai (Polling Stations 19 and 21)

Kallarachchal Muslim Vidyalaya (Polling Stations 28 and 29)

Potuvil:

Karativu Shanmuga Vidyalaya (Polling Stations 122 and 123)

Al Ashraq National School, Nintavur (Polling Stations 112 and 116)

Kumara Vidyalaya, Tirukkovil (Polling Station 45)

Imam Rumi Vidyalaya, Nintavur (Polling Station 103)

Imam Kasali Vidyalaya, Nintavur (Polling Station 101)

Al Hidayah Vidyalaya, Palamunai (Polling Station 85) SPO U.L.O. Rahamatullah told CMEV monitors that there had been attempts at impersonation that he had prevented.

Attacks on candidates:

Police complaint EIB 368/4 made by Mr. Abdul Rashid Mohamed Sayeed a candidate of Independent Group No.19, of an attack on him and a group of his supporters near the 5th milepost on the Amparai/Akkarapattu road by SLMC supporters including a candidate, Mr. Uvais. Two candidates on the Independent Group No. 19 list were injured, Mr. Mohamed Thambi Muhajirin and Mohamed Ibrahim Mohamed Hussein and admitted to Amparai Base Hospital with cut wounds.

Intimidation of voters:

Marathamunai public Hall (Polling station 49, Kalmunai): persons gathered close to the polling station wearing caps with the colors green and yellow and the number 1 and 8 with a cross marked on it were heard by our monitors loudly stating that someone who had harassed them yesterday (name was not clearly heard) would be killed if they came to vote today.

Sennal Gramam Zahira Vidyalaya, Sammanturai(Polling Stations 32 and 33, Sammanturai)a clash between supporters of SLMC and NUA outside the polling station had led the STF to shoot into the air and also push back the crowd. Some persons said they had been hurt in the incident and there was high level of tension in the area around 11.30 a.m. on April 2.

Al Ashraq National School, Nintavur (Polling Stations 112 and 116, Pottuvil): persons gathered outside the polling station had leaflets promoting the number of one candidate in their hands and they were attempting to distribute it to persons going in to the polling station. A large group of people were gathered in a house right across from the polling station from which observers said they were coordinating impersonation and other irregularities.

No 28 and 29, Kallarachchal Muslim Vidyalaya, hall 1 and 2, UPFA supporter assaulted and hurt by SLMC supporters.

Intimidation of polling agents and CMEV monitors:

Mr. S.C. Faleel, the CMEV monitor at Sennal Gramam Zahra Vidyalaya (Polling Stations 32 and 33, Sammanturai)had been threatened on the previous night by a group of unidentified persons who came to his home and said he would be killed if he monitored the elections.

The EPDP has complained that their polling agents in Potuvil, Kalmunai and Sammanturai were intimidated and chased away from polling stations. They have already lodged a complaint in this regard with the Commissioner of Elections.

In Kalmunai, No 29, Al Azar Vidyalaya, Kalmunaikudi, polling agent belonging to Independent Group 22 was assaulted allegedly by a group of Ferial Ashraf's supporters inside the polling station. The victim has been admitted to the Ashraf Memorial Hospital.

Distribution of polling cards:

Lal Thurairajah, EPDP candidate, has complained that at Methodist Tamil Mixed School in Komari (Polling Station 30, Potuvil) and other polling stations in the area, he observed the distribution of polling cards taking place in the immediate vicinity of the Polling Station.

Transporting of voters:

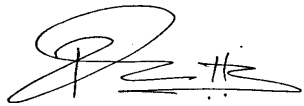
On the road from Tirukkovil to Akkaraipattu, monitors recorded Isuzu van 30 Sri 0238 and a white van 250-6210 that were transporting voters accompanied by young men who distributed polling cards to the passengers.

CMEV monitors also observed that in some cases there was lack of effective action taken by the SPOs and Police to prevent impersonation and congregating of persons outside the polling stations.

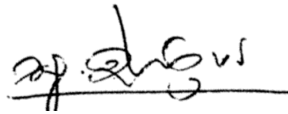
We hope to submit a full report of all incidents of election-related violence and irregularities to the Commissioner of Elections within the next week.

In view of the above, we feel that the polling in Digamadulla District has been flawed in the Polling Divisions of Sammanturai, Potuvil and Kalmunai to the point where an annulment of the polls there would be warranted. We urge the Commissioner of Elections to consider this.

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