

Top 10 Incidents of Election Violations & Related Violence

The following incidents are randomly listed.

- **Transfer of 350 Policemen** on November 18, 2014, immediately before the announcement to call for a Presidential Election.
- **Prison inmates used** to decorate UPFA campaign stage in **Akuressa**. Prison inmates were used as labour to decorate a campaign stage in Akuressa. The incident took place on December 14, 2014.
- **Road Development Authority employees utilized** to put up posters of UPFA candidate.
- **UPFA Deputy Minister forcibly removes** three suspects who were in Police custody arrested for an arson attack on an NDF campaign site in **Wanduramba**. The suspects then taken to the Baddegama Magistrate's Court in the Deputy Minister's vehicle, where they were **remanded** till December 29, 2014. The incident took place on December 19, 2014.
- **Attack on street drama campaign** (*Viyaruwata Erehi, Jeewithaya Wenuwen* Campaign) in **Hambanthota**. Attackers threatened the street drama group with guns and assaulted campaigners. Two of the group's members were hospitalized. The incident took place on December 21, 2014. The **Mayor of Hambanthota has been arrested** in this regard and remanded till December 24.
- **UNP meeting attacked** and hand-to-hand street fights ensue in **Haputale** on December 20. A UNP meeting in support of the NDF campaign was attacked and media photos show assailants standing behind Police.
- **Six shooting incidents** involving UPFA, one in **Maggona**, two in **Madampe** (Puttlam), one in **Kandy**, one in **Badulla** and one in **Anuradhapura**.
- **Launch of government welfare programmes** targeting Presidential Election. These included a special **Samurdhi** allowance to recipients countrywide, the distribution of Samurdhi cards to new beneficiaries in Galle, drought assistance to farmers in Trincomalee and Seruwawila, seed paddy to farmers in Polonnaruwa District, distribution of water motors, sewing machines and agricultural equipment in the North and the distribution of kitchen equipment in Galle, Ratgama.
- **Distribution of mobile phones** to government **pensioners** in December, which was **suspended** following intervention by the **Elections Commissioner**.
- NDF presidential candidate and supporting political parties **denied access to public venues** for campaign meetings. Some local authorities under UPFA control are denying access to public venues to the NDF presidential candidate. These include **Akuressa, Ruwanwella** and **Dehiowita Pradeshiya Sabha** and **Badulla** Municipal Council.

